

were always available for the instruction of students during their visits to the wards, can readily be understood. What steps are to be taken in regard to lectures in special branches of surgery has not transpired, but we assume that this matter has not been overlooked. The Hospital Board and the Government evidently labour under the impression that all difficulties will be at an end when the Senior Resident Surgeon at £400, and the Senior Resident Physician at £300, who are now being advertised for, have entered upon their duties; but these gentlemen must be exceptionally competent, as well as exceptionally modest and self-denying, if they should prove equal to the formidable task that is being set them. However, it is some satisfaction to know that the Medical School, though in a sadly mutilated condition, will be maintained and that the fifty-one students who have sought its aid in qualifying themselves for the profession of surgery and medicine can continue their studies under its direction. For its restoration to a fully equipped and thoroughly efficient condition we must look to that development of events which the future has in store.

There are one or two other points in the Board's proceedings on Friday which call for notice. The first of these directly concerns ourselves. The Chairman of the Board had the hardihood to aver, and to maintain in the face of a suggestion that he should qualify the statement that the report published by us, to the effect that a number of patients had left the institution in consequence of the withdrawal of the honorary medical officers, was "without foundation." As if in confirmation of his assertion he triumphantly produced the comparative record since 1893 of the number of patients in the Hospital during the month of April. These figures, however, show that whilst in previous years there had been a steady increase in the totals, which were respectively 222, 232, and 237, this year there has been a sudden drop to 218. How is this fall explained? Has the rate of sickness

diminished by reason of the appointment of the new Board? Was the decrease observable during the first week of April, when the medical staff was in attendance? We await a reply, and if this should prove that we have done His Worship or his informants an injustice we shall "cheerfully" apologize. As a matter of fact, however, we obtained our information from a thoroughly trustworthy source, and further evidence on the subject is given by us to-day. The other point to which we wish

to call attention is the extraordinary attitude taken up towards the late medical staff by Mr. Wadey. This gentleman, whose appointment on the Board reflected no credit upon the Government or upon himself has seen fit to charge the staff with glorying in the downfall of the University so far as the medical students are concerned and to exhort the Board to take action to thwart what he believes are the wishes of the late honorary officers. The wanton wickedness of the charge is only exceeded by its absurdity. To accuse gentlemen, many of whom have held positions in the school from which they derived pecuniary advantage, to say nothing of the status which those positions gave them, of deliberately conspiring to wreck the institution is surely the last resort of petty vindictiveness. Considering the professional relation which Mr. Wadey has occupied towards Miss Hawkins, the close ally of Miss Graham in the whole of the Hospital troubles, his remarks upon the situation can only be characterized as unbecoming to the verge of indecency. More than that, they utterly misrepresent the facts of the case, for it is well known that it was Miss Graham's retention in the Hospital and the action of the Government regarding it which was the sole cause of the retirement of the Medical Staff.

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THE ADELAIDE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—The Council of the University have had under consideration the difficulties that have arisen in connection with the clinical teaching in the third, fourth, and fifth years of the medical course in consequence of the withdrawal of the honorary staff from the Adelaide Hospital. A letter from the students asking for advice has also been considered. The Council have directed the students, some of whom are clinical clerks and dressers, to continue their attendance and work at the Hospital as usual, as required by the regulations of the M.B. degree. The students of the fifth year have also been advised to attend the practice of the Adelaide Children's Hospital for three months, and in order to ensure the delivery of courses of set clinical lectures, which students are bound by regulation to attend, the Council have appointed a lecturer on clinical medicine and a lecturer on clinical surgery. We understand that Dr. Lendon has been asked to undertake the duties of lecturer on surgery, and Dr. Hayward of lecturer on medicine. It is interesting to know how the present difficulties present themselves to the Council of the University. The teaching of the third, fourth, and fifth year students is not confined to the University, but they attend at the Adelaide Hospital, and in the past have received instruction from the various members of the visiting staff, who were appointed by the University to instruct and give them bedside teaching, which, of course, being of a