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THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The lecturers of the Medical School have received notice from the council of the University of Adelaide that, in view of the action of the Government in withdrawing the sum of £600 a year hitherto granted to the school, their engagements will terminate on December 31. At the same time the council expresses the hope that a modified scheme for continuing the medical curriculum may be prepared during the early part of the year, and adds that in that case it "will be grateful to again receive the hearty co-operation of those members of the medical profession who have helped in bringing the Medical School to its present state of efficiency." A leading member of the council, when questioned on the subject, stated his belief that the continuance of the Medical School depends upon the public spirit of the leading members of the profession. It was impossible for the council to maintain the former rate of remuneration, which, in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, was not at all too high. If the leaders of the profession are willing to give their support to the school under the new conditions, although the remuneration will be lower than in the past, the Medical School, which had been and was expected to be of great public utility, would in all probability be continued.

23rd Dec 1895

UNIVERSITY COMMÉMORATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—The conduct of the “undergrads” present at the late Commemoration is to be regretted. Such conduct was not gentlemanly. It was not opportune. It can only be described as pure and unadulterated colonial larrikinism; and I challenge any one of the “undergrads” present to controvert that statement. It was not gentlemanly, because it interfered with the comfort of and inconvenienced many who were present and who were the guests of the University. It was not opportune because it interfered with the business of the meeting and tended to bring into ridicule the University to which these “undergrads” belong. The only defence the “undergrads” present can make is they were “a-larking,” in pure colonial they were “larriking.” Dr. Campbell has recently stated he is the father of two undergraduates. He is to be looked to to use his great influence to put down this “larrikinism.” Every father of a family whose sons may be undergraduates of the University must feel such conduct is a disgrace to all concerned. There is no sense in it. It does not fit in with the traditions of the province. It is only an attempt to propagate an ugly graft. A word had to be coined in Australia to express such conduct—that word is “larrikinism.” To the “undergrads” of the University I can only say—respect your University, gentlemen, and respect yourselves. Should any correspondent be prepared to defend the conduct of those undergraduates who took part in the senseless proceedings referred to, he will oblige by signing his name to any communication he may make.

I am, Sir, &c.,
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Medical School without fitting remuneration. The duties they have to discharge involves careful preparation, to say nothing of the hours occupied in the delivery of lectures, and as skilled workmen they are worthy of their hire. For reasons that have been fully set out by us on former occasions, the Medical School in South Australia has special claims upon the State, and the sudden withdrawal of so large a portion of the grant hitherto made to it is utterly unjustifiable on any grounds of public policy. The full significance of the step taken by the Government is now being brought home to the country. It is impossible to view with complacency the prospect of sudden break up of the institution, entailing as this must