

tuted as to the funds and the management of the University generally, with a view to some radical improvements, and amongst others, not the least, giving the Senate some power to convene their body and have a voice in the disposal and management of the funds of the University. As at present, the Council have the power to manage and expend the funds and call meetings of the Senate however and wherever it pleases, while the Senate cannot do so.

I am, Sir, &c., ANTI-HUMBUG.
Adelaide, April 12.

[This correspondence must now end.—F.D.]

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From the Register

THE FACULTY OF LAW.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Observing that you have taken some amount of interest in the matter of the establishment of this institution, I have thought that you would not object to publish remarks coming from students, elucidating their views concerning any points connected with it. I may say at the outset that though these latter are quietly enduring their wrongs they are not at all satisfied with the intentions of the faculty so far as they are yet revealed. One of the grievances that is rankling deeply in the minds of the students is that, although such unusually short notice has been given by the faculty as to what books will be required to be read for the examination, that body has gone out of its way (no pun) to fix upon books that are not obtainable anywhere in the colonies. There is "Anson on Contracts," for instance, of which book one, or at most two, copies are supposed to exist in Australia. The same may be said with regard to the Roman lawbooks. It will be some three months at least before these books can possibly be in the hands of the students, and yet they are required to master those two huge tomes, "Sandars' Institutes of Justinian" and "Postes' Institutes of Gains," as well as constitutional law and the law of obligations after that time. It is on account of the Roman lawbooks principally that I write, for that that Faculty of Law—a body of highly respectable functionaries, who have the reputation of being the repositories of a good proportion of the learning and common sense of our community—should set students, ignorant of the elements even of Roman law, to master the whole of Sandars and Gains seems incredible. It is a fact, however. But, hoping that it may not yet be too late, as the faculty meet next month, I suggest that the syllabus be even yet modified, and that parts only of these books be set. This is a reasonable enough request, for there is much in Poste that is utterly useless to the student; and in England students would never be asked to do what ours are required to do in their second year. Indeed, one of our most eminent legal luminaries the other day expressed the utmost indignation that such an overwhelming task should be set to students just beginning the study of Roman law.

I am, Sir, &c.,
UNDERGRADUATE.

UNIVERSITY LANDS AT
WIRREANDA.

Mr. HOWE, for Mr. HENNING, moved for the production of a return showing—“1. The number of acres granted to the University at Wirrenda, the date of such grant, the quality of such land as reported on by the Surveyor-General. 2. To whom were the lands originally leased, the area of land leased, the term for which such lease was granted, the rent agreed to be paid, and the actual amount of rent paid. 3. The names of the subsequent lessees, the area contained in each lease, the rent agreed to be paid by each lessee, the amount of rent paid by each such lessee, the term for which each such lease was granted, and whether such leases, or any of them, were disposed of by public auction or otherwise. 4. What reductions of rent (if any) were granted to the lessees under the second leases, the amount of such reductions, and the amount actually received after such reductions were made. 5. How many tenants are now holding and are in possession of leases, and the area of each such lease. 6. What is the average rent per acre paid by each tenant now in possession. 7. Have any applications been made for further reduction of rent; and if so, to what extent.” The motion was agreed to.

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Vice-Chancellor*

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.—At a meeting of the Council of the University of Adelaide held on Friday, the Rev. W. Roby Fletcher, M.A., was unanimously elected Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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THE NEW UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR.—The new Vice-Chancellor of the University; the Rev. W. Roby Fletcher, M.A., is well entitled to the distinction that has been conferred upon him, and it may safely be said that his appointment will prove beneficial to the institution. As a graduate of high standing from an English University he naturally takes a deep interest in the studies to which the minds of the youth of this colony are being directed. His literary and educational sympathies are well abreast of the times, and wherever he has exercised his influence on the social atmosphere of South Australia it has been for good. Mr. Fletcher is one of the Professors of Union College, the institution from which the Adelaide University took its origin. He has for many months filled the chair of Professor of English Literature and Mental and Moral Philosophy at considerable inconvenience to himself; and the unavoidable delay which took place in relieving him of the extra work involved must have somewhat tried his patience. Above all Mr. Fletcher is an enthusiast. He is not likely to hold a high office in any institution such as the University without throwing his zeal and energy into its work, and striving to render it useful and popular. While His Honor the Chief Justice