



ON THE CORNER.—THE NEW HARMONICUM.

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THE UNIVERSITY.

“Something rotten with University Council.”—Crumbs.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Allow me to concur with the above observation, at the same time I would like to inform the public, who perhaps are not aware, that those who passed the public examinations in music early in November of last year have not yet been able to obtain their certificates.

I am, Sir, &c., ZIP.

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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Regarding my note referring to Professor Boulger and the Council of the University of Adelaide which you kindly inserted in yesterday morning's issue, I would wish to say that on rereading the correspondence already published I feel that the sentence might mislead in which I asked, "Can no inducement be held out by the Council to influence the Professor to change his determination?" From this one might suppose that the Professor had actually resigned, or that he had a quarrel with the Council, or wished to go elsewhere, or break off his connection with the University. There is absolutely nothing written by the Professor to justify any of these suppositions. In his reply—so brief that there is little room for obscurity—he simply, though absolutely, declined retention in office "liable to dismissal on six months' notice," and nothing more. If Professor Boulger is prepared to continue for another five years, and the Council wish that he should do so, perhaps no harm will be done; but should Professor Boulger be a candidate and the Council be divided as to his election the fact of the old Professor being in the field would no doubt keep away the best and most courteous competitors—a thing which might do very serious harm indeed. I regret that the Adelaide University Council should attempt so dangerous an experiment for the removal of Professors as that of a six months' notice of dismissal, and one so contrary to the feelings and practices of other Universities. However, as there is no precedent of this nature that I have ever heard of, in the absence of evidence as to how such a new departure will work, I refrain from any statement in this note.

I am, Sir, &c.,

THOS. P. KELLY.

The Presbytery, Gawler, February 10