UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

TO THE EDITOR.
Sir—In March last three scholarships, each of the value of £200 per annum, and tenable for three years, were offered by the Education Department for competition, and were obtained by D. H. Hollice, R. Duence, and C. Hayward (in order of merit), A. F. Joyce and R. B. Andrews (proximo accesserunt). The conditions upon which these scholarships are offered are, that the owner shall study at the University and pass his annual B.A. or B.Sc. examination, otherwise he is disqualified, and consequently forfeits the scholarship. Mr. Hayward studied for one term at the University, and then left for England, thereby disqualifying himself; and according to all rules of competition the scholarship should, then have been awarded to the next competitor. My son being the person I applied for it on his behalf, but to my astonishment some time after I read in the papers that the Minister of Education had informed the Council of the University that he was willing that the scholarship should be competed for in whatever way they might decide. Hence an advertisement appears throwing it open to all comers. In the first place, I maintain that the scholarship, both morally and legally, belongs to my son. In the second place, presuming my son had no claim to it, it is then, unfair to throw it open to all comers, but should be confined to the original competitors; and even in this there is an injustice. Of all the unsuccessful competitors I believe Mr. Andrews, who has since obtained a St. Peter’s scholarship of the same value, is the only one who has been continuing the ‘Arts’ course, giving him a decided advantage over the others, whose occupations have since been of quite a different character. I believe in all such cases that the next competitor is legally entitled to the scholarship. If not, it seems to me to be most unfair to offer it again for competition under such conditions as frustrate the object for which these scholarships are offered.

I am, Sir, &c.,
JOHN F. JOYCE.

NOTICES OF MOTION.
Mr. Tomkinson to ask on October 13—1. Has the Government given or sanctioned instructions to the Agent-General to assist in appointing a Professor of Mathematics to the University of Adelaide? 2. Has the Government any control over such appointment? 3. If so, will the Government endeavour to postpone the appointment of a Professor of Mathematics until more economical arrangements can be considered with regard to the duties and emoluments of the Professorial Board?
SUCCESSOR TO PROFESSOR LAMB.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—I believe the interests of the Adela- 
did you happen to see any
ciate, and an encouragement to native 
vocational and industrial efforts, 
by seeking a successor to the above Professor amongst the dis- 

tinguished graduates of the Australasian 
Universities as much as by importing one 
from England. I am certain a qualified 
native would have more influence in rendering 
our University more national than it is 

I am, Sir, &c.

GRADUATE.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—While I sympathize with, and I think, 
understand, the feelings of your correspon- 
dent, Mr. J. F. Joyce, upon the subject of the 
University scholarships, yet I cannot say 
that I think that his position is altogether 
sound. To state the facts shortly, the University in March last offered 
three scholarships for competition, and out of 
the candidates who offered themselves, 
selected three young men to be the holders 
of the scholarships. The University had 
then done all that it undertook to do, and 
whether or not the decision was justified 
upon it. One of 
these scholarships soon fell vacant, and 
the University consequently has at its disposal, 
if it choose to dispose of it, a scholarship, 
but it is not in any way, either by its previous 
conduct or by the "rules of competition," 
bound to award the vacant scholarship at 
all. It may award the same to whomever 
it wishes, or it may award the three 
scholarships in March last; it even did more than it was bound to 
do when it published the names of those 
candidates, who, while unsuccessful, came 
nearest to the successful candidates. 

Nor do I think it follows as a matter of 
~maxime accessing~ equal that it 
may be inferred from their being bracketed together that they 
were equal. The advantage which Mr. Andrews 
has doubtless gained by continuing the Arts' 
course, which none of the other competitors 
seems to have recognized, is only an 
unwritten fortune or prudent calculation on his part. It was just as open to any of the 
competitors to continue the Arts' course as it was 
to Mr. Andrews, and I presume that 
they did not do so because at the 
time they did not quite foresee the 
special advantage of doing so, or seeing it 
chosen to forego it. It by no means 
follows that either of those who
~proxim~ accessing would, in the absence of the three scholars, have 
been elected to scholarships. I have 
known a prize offered by a University for which one 
candidate presented himself. According 
to your correspondent's views that candidate 
must have been the other, and yet he 
doubtless thought that he ought to have done. It is 
still sorrowing for the loss of that un- 
awarded prize. For some years the class-
lists in a particular subject at Oxford 
appeared with no names in the first class, until 
at last a second class in that subject came to 
be looked upon as all that could be gained. The only object which the University has in 
vie of offering scholarships is at all 
to attract as good scholars as possible, 
and this object is certainly better secured by 
an "open" contest than by one "close" com-
petition such as that suggested by your
that suggested by your correspondent, who wishes to make the competitors of March last the only eligible candidates for the forthcoming examination. Mr. Joyce cannot but look upon it as hard that Mr. Hayward, by contending for a scholarship which he held for a month or two only, should, in all probability, have deprived his son of a scholarship which he would have held for three years, but I fear that it is just one of those "hard cases" for which there is no remedy.

I am, Sir, &c.,

OXONIENSIS.
South Australian Literary Societies' Union.—From the second annual report of this institution we quote the following:—

"In presenting the annual report on the operations of the Union for the past year the Executive Committee can still tell of progress, though, from a financial standpoint, not quite so marked as during the preceding year. Nevertheless, your executive believe a good work is being done in strengthening and stimulating the associated Societies. At the beginning of its second year the Union comprised 23 Societies. During the past year 9 Societies have joined; two having ceased to exist they can no longer be reckoned as in the Union, thus making 29 as the number of Societies now associated. On October 1, 1883, the number of members on the rolls of the 21 united Societies was 1,981 and 256 lady associates, with an average attendance of 425, and having 6,130 volumes in their libraries. On October 1, 1884, the numbers were 1,335 members on the rolls of 29 Societies, and 325 lady associates, the average attendance being 587, and the united libraries containing 7,566 volumes. Evening Classes Endowment Fund.—One of the resolutions passed at a meeting held as to this matter requested the committee of the Union to collect funds to provide for the carrying on of the classes. Acting on this your executive issued a circular asking for donations; copies were forwarded to such of our leading wealthy colonists as it was thought would give the desired help. We regret that our anticipations were not realized, and that instead of being able to report the receipt of promises covering the amount wanted, namely, £5,000, we can only announce having promises to the extent of £241 16s., made up as follows:—Mr. T. G. Waterhouse, £100; Hon. J. Colton, M.P., £25; Hon. G. C. Hawker, M.P., £25; Messrs. F. Chapple, £25; G. & R. Wills & Co., £25; C. Wilcox, £10 10s.; Goode, Durrant, Tite, and Co., £5 5s.; the Misses Tilly (paid), 1s. His Excellency the Governor expressed his willingness to subscribe £25 when the sum of £1,500 was raised by £25 donations. Besides the names above mentioned His Honor the Chief Justice and the Bishop of Adelaide have expressed their willingness to assist the movement without mentioning any definite amount. Your executive have not yet given up all hope of getting the £5,000, or a large portion of it, and have now appointed a sub-committee to wait upon those gentlemen who did not reply to the circulars issued; but this committee has not yet been able to do anything in the matter. It should be mentioned that Sir Thomas Elder, on the day succeeding that of
Literary Societies’ Union.—In their second annual report the Executive of the South Australian Literary Societies’ Union have to congratulate the members on the score of numerical increase. The arithmetical problem of adding 23 to 9 and subtracting 2 appears to have been too much for the Executive, but we may hope that a diligent attendance at the mathematical evening classes will render a

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