Dr. Smith and the Hon. D. Murray.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reading the reports of yesterday's meeting of the senate of the University, as given in both the daily papers, I perceive a variation which has not escaped my notice. I am referring not to the summary of the proceedings, but to the charge which has been made on the part of the council. It seems that a gentleman is reported to have challenged the Hon. David Murray to a duel.

Spectator.

[We have referred this question to one of our reporters and other gentlemen present at the meeting, and we have received the assurance that the advertiser will be corrected.]

Dr. Smith and the Hon. D. Murray.

To the Editor.

Sir,—According to some of your leaders it seems Dr. Smith thinks disdainfully of illiterate lowmen and respectable drapers. These tradesmen might give the learned gentleman the respect that such men always command. Let us hope the learned gentleman always has time for all classes. Give me the man of common sense, no matter whether he is a schoolmaster, warehouseman, or ploughman, and I will have the last word.

What are your friends of your school?
Your Latin names for home and stool;
It breaks the heart of a friend to
Who are the hell in your school?
What score your grammarians?
'Twixt better to up to spades and stools,
Or spryish hat and sash.
A nest of dull, conceited bachelors,
Confuse their brains in college classes;
They murmur, grumble, whine and groove
And they are made to speak in Para.

By Bill o' Greeks.

Give me a spark of nature's fire; do.
And I will give you a quizzing-glass.
I will show you to the men for whom you do not profess to be scholars in his sense of the term does not by any means square with the sentiments of the great Ayrshire bard. I am, etc.,

Andrew Anderson.

July 10, 1886.
TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—The fact that in your article of the 10th instant you did me the honor to mention me by name in the matter of the recent by-elections, was quite new to me. You say "there is a busy movement for the securing of the candidates of none but graduates to the council. I am not aware that anything said in the debate is which you mention has had any such intention on the part of any clique; and, if the clique is "busy," as you say, one would think its movements have had no manifest. I then say, referring to this clique, that an idea of the exclusiveness and narrow-mindedness of the people from which the council is likely to elect may be gathered from my remarks in the recent debate, and you afterwards add, "the latter expression of confidence on my part to me. Permit me at the outset to declare the honor of being a leading supporter of my brother graduates. The gentlemen with whom I act entrusted me with the moving of certain resolutions, just as another resolution was entrusted to the Rev. Stanley Poole. We both discharged that duty, and are in no other sense leaders. Next, allow me to say that the use of the word "clique" is not properly applicable to that large majority of the graduates, which numbered 30 something in the last election, and although the movement of the last election has not yet been through the meeting far outnumbered their opponents. If my remarks were displeased, unwise, or petulant, I can appreciate it, and not I and the majority of the senate make a secret of my complaisance. I hope you will write your article! Now let me speak of the nature and object of those remarks which your article concludes as one of the more unadulterated saids, and pettiness. I said that the committee appointed to choose the new professor was not the proper one, and we have not yet chosen one. Those reasons were that neither the two University men nor the two college men that the committee had the qualifications for appointing to this particular professorship. I said that the degree of literature, or learning, or, the general attainments of the two others, I spoke of the two mercantile men as "dishonorable," or, in short, but I said that neither they nor their colleagues were distinguished in languages, philology, or metaphysic, or moral theology. The qualifications were demanded by the facts of the situation, and, as Professor Hoare, as little inclined to the taste of "bad taste" as if I were to say that a gardener, however eminent, was not a fit man to choose a garden, it is the principle that a man who is to judge of another's qualifications should himself possess them and he is generally a bad judge of taste, by the man kinded, that if its unscintillation be evidence of bad taste, there will be very few who are a part to taste, or who perhaps that faculty. I do not think that the committee in England is a good committee, the legislative council the university should entrust the choice of the new professor, and I should have expected, if the council thought the subject was one capable of deciding on the applications, that the reference would have been made to such men as Mr. Master of Balliol, Professor Max Müller, Professor Freeman, or the Hon. George Brodrick—names which I am almost ashamed to set down, for I am in disapprobation of non-academic men of business on the council neither I do not choose with whom I set down almost ashamed of one who has never said a word; but, since you have inferentially attributed such expressions to me, I shall now add that the fact is one thing more than another in which those gentlemen may be of service, it is the management of the state of the universities, the corporate tasks in which the council has not yet distinguished itself. The two men of those with whom I am acting, we are quite dissatisfied with our academic as well as our non-academic professors, and I am sure that future elections will show. The outgoing members seem strangely anxious to retain their places, and those who opposed them on the November, a canvas has already begun for putting the same men in again. This we shall appreciate it, and I am inclined to hope that whether the men who are University men or not, on the ground that we regard the institutions as having been managed not only financially, but also as an instrument of teaching. And I am sure that we shall be able to select men of business and as men of learning, and who are neither exclusive nor narrow-minded.

JAMES WALTER SMITH.
Adelaide, July 11, 1882.