THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.—A meeting of the Senate of the University will be held to-day, when the business will be the election of a Warden and Clerk of the Senate and three gentlemen as members of the Council. As regards the Warden-ship only one candidate presents himself, namely, Mr. F. Chapple, who has occupied the position for some years, and who has given every satisfaction. The duties of Clerk of the Senate have been performed since the resignation by Mr. Harlett, but this gentleman now aspires to higher honours, leaving his former position to Mr. Calerar, the first graduate of the University. The most important duty devolving on the Senate to-day is the election of three members of the Council. Many members of the Senate hold that the government of the University has got too much into a party spirit, and a determined attempt is now being made to introduce new blood into the Council. As a means to this end the recently formed Association of Graduates has nominated three candidates to fill the present vacancies in the Council, the gentlemen named being Dr. Walter Smith, Mr. G. Sutherland, M.A.—a candidate for the representation of the North-Eastern District in the Legislative Council—and Mr. J. T. Hackett.

It is asserted that the nominations received by these gentlemen are sufficient in number to ensure their return; but this assertion has often been made before, and nearly as often been refuted by facts. At any rate the Association's nominees will meet few obstacles, the number being decided in advance by Dr. Stirling, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Cockburn, and Mr. Cooke. Everything depends upon whether the members of Senate have enough interest in the election to attend the meeting, and upon this point there should be no doubt. The deliberations at this meeting will also be interesting, because some recent actions on the part of the Connell are to be challenged as unfair and contrary to the best precedents. The provisions of the Lectureship in Laws for one year will form one of the debated points, and, indeed, his appointment at all is open to question, apart from the matter of its duration. Then comes the point raised by the illation of Professors' tenure of office. No satisfactory reason has been advanced for the departure on the Council's part from the rule observed by older Universities; if there is such a reason it ought to be brought forward; and perhaps one or other of the Professors who have objected to the change might enlighten the public on the hidden advantages of the scheme. We do not quite understand Dr. Smith's protestation that it is desirable to amend the first section of the Act of the University Act, whereby the incorporation is confined to the Council and Senate, and all裆en graduates and all graduates of less than three years standing are excluded from the Corporation." Dr. Smith surely cannot mean that boys and girls of 17 or 18 should be allowed seats in the Senate, for if that is what he will have shown his authority and cite a precedent. But it will do no harm to ventilate grievances, and so long as personalities are avoided as much as possible the result cannot but be advantageous to the best interests of the University.
PROFESSOR BOULGER AND THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—As I have already indicated, the impression exists that I am a member of the newly-graduated Students' Association, kindly permit me to state that I am in no way concerned with that body, nor the case. When invited to join the Association I replied that I did not think it better for me to join them; I did not consider it a personal matter to take such a step, and for the same reason I declined the offer of a member of the Senate to retain me on the list of candidates for the vacancies in the Council. I do, however, sympathize with the aims and objects of the Association, except as regards the exclusion of graduates who happen to be members of the Senate or who have been elected to the Council as a result of the success of the vacancies. In the Council, I do, however, sympathize, because I feel that a combination of graduates in arts to secure the interests of librarians is distinctly bad for the interests of professional education in the University is much needed. On the two occasions when the present Senate has expressed the view that the Council should only have been obtained by examination and not by election, but not more than five have obtained such a degree with honours. I do not attach undue weight to this fact, as the Council has been elected without honours, and no one can appreciate more highly than I do the services rendered to the University by so many of the present Senate, and, to quote the words of Justice and Sir Harry Ayers, but I do contend that the Senate would do well to increase the proportion of professional men amongst the scholars in the composition of the Council, and, being the Senate, it is the Senate's duty to decide whether the Senate is likely to conclude to such an end.

Furthermore, I wish to be known that I am in no way connected with the Students' Association, and no move was made at the meeting on Wednesday, I did not speak or vote on any matter connected with my name. I attach no importance to any statements that were to be discussed which had no reference to myself, and as regards which I desired to express an opinion could not have expressed. In part, because I wished to note any statement concerning myself which might demand explanation, as the occasion might have been useful. Professor Ronnie has reported by the students that I was a member of the Senate and Professor Briggs and Professor Boulger were the committee who recommended the Senate to increase the proportion of professional men amongst the scholars in the composition of the Council, and, being the Senate, it is the Senate's duty to decide whether the Senate is likely to conclude to such an end. I do not know.

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