

time to the work of the University which he considered it required, felt it incumbent on him to send in his resignation. This gave an opening for the election of a minister of religion, and the Rev. W. R. Fletcher, M.A., was duly nominated for the position. Meanwhile the friends of the Bishop, naturally deeming it important that his connection with the Council should continue, even though he might be unable to attend many of the meetings, prevailed upon him to allow himself to be placed on the list of candidates for one of the vacancies to be filled up on Wednesday. It is quite clear that neither Mr. Fletcher nor the Bishop was aware that the name of the other was to be submitted to the Senate, and as soon as the knowledge reached them each in the most courteous manner took steps to have the way made clear for the other. Mr. Fletcher wrote to Dr. Kennion, assuring him that he would on no account enter into competition with him, and Dr. Kennion in turn wrote to a member of the Senate explaining his ignorance of Mr. Fletcher's candidature, and absolutely withdrawing from the contest. As it happened, no official notice could be taken of the withdrawal, inasmuch as the letter in which it was announced had not been addressed to the Clerk of the Senate. The consequence was that both names had to be submitted to the ballot, and it is reasonable to assume that both were prejudiced in the voting. It is true that in the end a tie took place between Mr. Fletcher and Mr. G. J. R. Murray, and that on a second ballot the latter was elected, but it is difficult to believe that the former would have been rejected had his name been submitted as the only clerical candidate. Mr. Fletcher has been closely associated with the University from its initiation. He has held high office on the Council, and he was peculiarly eligible for a seat upon it. The complication is much to be regretted, although no one is to be blamed in the matter. As things stand it would appear as if neither the Bishop nor Mr. Fletcher had the confidence of the majority of the Senate, which is, we are convinced, a conclusion that the facts do not warrant. The incident draws special attention to the restriction placed upon ministers of religion, which it seems to us ought not in the interests of the University to be continued. There is, apart from an unfounded fear of a preponderance of clerical influence, no more reason why a limitation should be placed upon ministers of religion than upon doctors or lawyers or any other class of the community possessing the necessary academical distinction and other qualifications for a position upon the Council. There certainly is far more ground for imposing a check upon the number of University professors and lecturers having seats upon the governing body of the University. It is decidedly anomalous that any large proportion of the Council should consist of gentlemen who are the paid officers of the institution, and are under obligations to obey the Council's behests. This matter was discussed at Wednesday's meeting of the Senate, and although a majority could not be found to support a general motion directed against the appointment of professors and lecturers the subject is one deserving of further attention.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The election for the University Council in consequence of the retirement and resignation of seven of the previous members took place yesterday, and resulted in the return of Dr. Barlow, Mr. F. Ayers, Dr. Stirling, Mr. J. A. Hartley, Dr. Lendon, the Hon. Dr. Cockburn, M.P., and Mr. G. J. R. Murray. Bishop Kennion and the Rev. W. Roby Fletcher were put forward as candidates without the knowledge of either that the other intended to stand. The Bishop had several times proposed to resign on account of his duties preventing his regular attendance at the meetings of the Council, and ultimately his resignation was accepted. It was afterwards represented to him that the feeling of the University was strongly in favour of his remaining a member in spite of the necessary irregularity of his attendance, and therefore the Bishop consented to be renominated. Meanwhile others, not knowing of what was being done, requested the Rev. W. R.

Fletcher, who had been previously Vice Chancellor, to allow himself to be elected, and Mr. Fletcher, in ignorance of Dr. Kennion's unwillingness to remain a member on any conditions, consented to be nominated in place of the Bishop. Upon the two rev. gentlemen becoming aware of the true position each wrote to his proposer that he would withdraw in favour of the other, but the Warden ruled that as their withdrawals were not directed to the Clerk of the Senate the election must proceed. The result was that the supporters of the candidates were not willing to elect one at the expense of the other, and so other persons nominated were elected.

The following is a copy of the letter the Bishop wrote to Mr. Henderson, who was concerned in his nomination, on his return from his recent visit to the country, and when he became aware Mr. Fletcher was a candidate:—

“Bishop's Court, North Adelaide, November 25, 1891. Dear Mr. Henderson—I see by this morning's paper that the Rev. R. Fletcher is nominated for the Council, and that it is clear both he and I cannot be elected. Under these circumstances I shall be obliged to you if you will be so good as to withdraw my name. I may say that I am in receipt of a very courteous letter from Mr. Fletcher, in which he states that he would not have allowed himself to be nominated if he had known that I was desirous of retaining my seat, and he generously offers to withdraw from the contest. This I should so greatly regret that I prefer that my name should not be brought before the Senate. Perhaps, to show how very far from my intention it has been to oppose Mr. Fletcher, I may be allowed to remind you how it comes about that my name appears as one of the candidates. Last year, finding that my frequent engagements in distant parts of the colony prevented my regular attendance at the Council and Education Committee meetings, I sent in my resignation to the Chancellor, but was prevailed upon to withdraw it by the unanimous request of my colleagues. Early this year I again sent it in, but it was only accepted a few weeks ago; my reason for pressing for its acceptance being the very simple one that I could not devote to the University the time which, to my mind, a seat at its Council necessitated in the case of any man who wanted to do his duty by the electors who sent him there. Since the acceptance of my resignation, however, I have been urged again and again to allow myself to be once more nominated for a seat, and my reply has been that if the members of the Senate distinctly understood how very seldom I could be present at the Council Board-room, and again elected me with that knowledge, I should be willing to stand. But I may say that it never occurred to me that my election would prevent Mr. Fletcher's. It was with the greatest reluctance that I allowed myself to be nominated at this election, and the fact to which the papers of to-day have called my attention decides me in the interests of the University to request that my name may be withdrawn. I sincerely hope nothing may prevent Mr. Fletcher's election. Few men have done better service to the University than he has done, and he has the leisure to devote to University work which at the present time at any rate I am unable to command.—I beg to remain, yours faithfully,
G. W. ADELAIDE. J. Henderson, Esq.”

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

Ordinary examination for the degrees of M.B. and Ch.B.:—

FIRST YEAR.

First Class.—James Atkinson Bonnia.
Recommended for Sir Thomas Elder's prize.

Second Class.—Claude Tidswell Cooper,
Rupert Walter Hornabrook.

Third Class.—Bronte Smeaton.

SECOND YEAR.

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—Frank Sandland Hone.

Third Class.—George Alfred Fischer.

The following candidate (admitted *ad eundem statum*) passed in Anatomy, Physiology, and Practical Chemistry, in order to complete the second year:—William Alfred Edgcombe Tucker.

THIRD YEAR.

First Class.—John Ikin Sangster, William Alfred Edgcombe Tucker, Cecil Corbin.

Second Class.—Henry Offley Irwin.

Third Class.—John Bernard Gunson,
Edward Ernst Moule, Alfred Edward James Russell.

FOURTH YEAR.

First Class.—Wentworth Roland Cavenagh.

Second Class.—Patrick Francis Shanahan.

Third Class.—Alexander Edward Gibbes.

Note.—First class is in order of merit, second and third classes in alphabetical order.

The class-lists for the fifth year will be issued on Monday.

Examination for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine:—Passed—Charles H. S. Hope.