The arts course is not so popular as it ought to be, and yet there are signs of an improvement in this department. Four students, as we have indicated, will have the Bachelor's degree conferred upon them this year, and, as if to preserve the symmetry of the class-lists, four students in the first and the same number in the second year have gained passes. It should be noted, however, that a much larger number of students are proceeding to their degrees through the course known by the rather misleading name of the Higher Public Examination than through the ordinary three years curriculum. There are no less than eighteen individual students who have been successful in taking up separate subjects under this system, and whose passes will count to their credit whenever they desire to complete the number of subjects which may entitle them to take the degree. Similarly, in the course for Bachelor of Science, there are as many as twenty-five separate names in the pass-lists of subjects under the Higher Public Examination scheme, although, as has been said, only four students have graduated in science. For the first year of the ordinary course six have passed, but for the second year only one. The latter, however, is specializing in the recently added metallurgical branch, particularly intended for mining students, and has gained a credit in chemistry and assayng. The class in "Physics, Part I," is one of the largest—if not actually the largest—at the University, and as many as fifteen students have secured passes in the subject, while one has satisfied the examiners in "Physics, Part II." Professor Bragg, with his very interesting lectures on the Röntgen rays and other electrical topics, has during the past year imparted a good deal of attractiveness, from an outside point of view, to his special branches of study, and judging from his class-lists it would appear also that his subjects have been equally popular inside the University. The recent addition of two vigorous and enthusiastic Professors to the able but somewhat attenuated teaching staff has greatly strengthened the institution in the domain of pure learning, and were it not for the danger which threatens the School of Medicine it might be said that the University was never in a better position for accomplishing useful work than it is to-day.
To the Editor,

Sir,

To Dr. Ramsay Smith, our acquaintance of a year, we bid farewell. After a year of illness and surgery, we are leaving to other climes, where political ploys flourish not and honest worth its due returns. Oh, you of the sinister pen, who in your reply to the Hospital Committee sent nothing but a snipe, we beseech you, in the name of your defence — would you that a young and eminent physician and follower of the traditions of the Edinburgh Medical School, for then we would not be leaving this fair city, formerly a citadel of the happiest associations.

To the students, who later, in another land, have any opportunity whatever of gaining hospital experience, but have lectured on botany in a small College in Edinburgh, who through force of circumstances have been reduced to a senior physician to a hospital of 300 beds, and who now pose as a past lecturer of that classic school, Edinburgh (how proud of her child the great University!), we say farewell, and activities deprived of the learned leisure to contemplate philosophy, and whose concentration on medicine allows neither time nor inclination to read newspapers, to the consciousness of being a man — the equestrian triumph, the glory of Her Majesty’s forces, farewell! You have spared none of your cruel calumnies and evil machinations. Medicines, nurses, and students, all get up their hat-tricks and set off for the South. We, of course, unworthy to unloose, nurses whose calling and sex should have protected them, and ourselves — we say farewell, and farewell without regret.

To his funny comrade, Leith Napier, the man whom the forces of Treves (Freddy), who, unknown, has forgotten him, the bosom friend of Pozzi and all the distinguished London surgeons — farewell.

Would also that he were a surgeon of the old school, or one worthy of the name, that he would be as clever in hand as he is plausible in tongue, and then again we should not be leaving him.

To the committee called all whom he mentioned liars or fools, or both, and begged the question generally; to his colleague Ramsay Smith cavil at the absence of etiquette, and the absence of the Board; to the marmalade, and flour, and barrel of the Hospital Board; to the specialist on hydriade and kangaroo — we would remark that we sincerely and honestly hope that “it shall prevail.”

We are, Sir, yours,

J. R. Smith, M.B.

A.M. Hains, M.B.

Adelaide Students in London,

Dr. Arthur Cadmore, M.B., Ch.B., of Adelaide University, who recently arrived in England, has passed the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. examinations of London. The examinations for these degrees are seldom passed at the same time, but Dr. Cadmore, in a letter to a medical friend in Adelaide, says:

“I have just passed the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., and my opinion of the standard of this qualification is lowered. It is not one quart as hard as our final M.B.”

Dr. Cadmore mentions the fact that Dr. Good, also of Adelaide, is house physician at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and that Dr. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, still another Adelaide graduate, recently obtained the highest degree in surgery, the F.R.C.S., leaves for Adelaide early next year.