

circumstances that alone bring about publicity, have recently been challenged. Nothing of that kind appears to be even contemplated by the resolution. The present is to be put on trial again; the past to be taken on trust.

The Hospital Board considered the situation yest. day, and resolved on taking action with a view of strengthening the professional staff of the institution. That action has been delayed until the present time pending the result of the negotiations which have broken down, but it cannot longer be postponed. No doubt the resolution of the board will be attacked. But if the most adverse of its critics can point out what alternative is open to the board we shall be surprised. The way is closed up in every other direction. It is said that it is closed up in this, but that remains to be ascertained. Meanwhile nothing can be done but to invite applications. We trust that medical men will take the opportunity of proving their independence. If pressure is exerted to prevent the work of the Hospital being carried on by an adequately large staff, it will reflect no credit on those who bring it to bear. An opportunity has been given to the late honorary staff to return to the Hospital service. By the staff, as a staff, it has been rejected. To refuse the work yourself, and to prevent others undertaking it, is not the attitude which should be expected from members of an honorable profession. The worst form of the strike is that in which undue influence is used against "free labor." And this mode of annulling the principle of freedom of contract is peculiarly objectionable where it interferes with the care and relief of suffering humanity.

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HOSPITAL MATTERS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—I see your paper states that it is not compulsory for the four and five year medical students to pursue their studies elsewhere, arrangements having been made for them to complete their studies at the Adelaide University. I conclude the Acting Premier, in the absence of his master, begins to relent now that he sees the injury he has done to the rate-payers of the colony by the course he has pursued. I am glad to see Mr. Wigley is appointed a member of the Hospital Board, and if he is that good and firm determined man I hope he is, and not afraid to stand alone to defend the right, he will doubtless counter-act the members of that bitterly cruel Government Board, and demand that Dr. Poulton's just and fair request shall be complied with, or know the reason why.

I am, Sir, &c.,

G. M.

THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.—At the meeting of the Council held on Friday afternoon, the Chancellor referred very feelingly to the great loss sustained through the death of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Hartley, who had for so long been closely associated with the University, and who had ever cheerfully devoted himself with untiring zeal to the best interests of the institution. The Council directed that an expression of their deep sorrow at the death of the Vice-Chancellor, and of their gratitude for his invaluable services be placed on record, and that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Mrs. Hartley. The Council then proceeded to consider the advisableness of electing a Vice-Chancellor, and by a unanimous vote Dr. Barlow was chosen to fill the vice-chair. At a later period of the meeting Dr. Barlow attended, and the Chancellor made him acquainted with the wishes of the Council. Dr. Barlow expressed his sincere sorrow for the circumstances which necessitated the election, thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him, and asked for the sympathy and support of the Council in his discharge of the duties of the office which had been so ably filled by their late colleague. Dr. Barlow, who was formerly Registrar of the University, is a Doctor of Laws of the University of Dublin. He has for several years been a member of the Council of the University of Adelaide.