

# THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.

## MEETING OF THE BOARD.

A meeting of the board of management of the Adelaide Hospital was held at the institution on Friday afternoon, when there were present the Mayor of Adelaide (chairman), Mesdames Cullen, Edwards, Parkin, and Nicholls, Drs. Curtis, Rogers, and Hill, the Hons. A. R. Addison and A. A. Kirkpatrick, Messrs. C. Lyons and W. G. Coombs,

The CHAIRMAN intimated that owing to the death of Mrs. Haggard the secretary (Mr. Haggard) would not be present at the meeting.

Subsequently Dr. CURTIS moved—

That a letter be sent to Mr. Haggard sympathising with him in connection with his recent sad bereavement.

Dr. HILL seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN said he was voicing the feelings of members of the board when he said they all deeply regretted the circumstances which necessitated the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. LANGRIDGE wrote:—

In consequence of an accident at the saw-bench a short time ago one of my sons had in one sense the misfortune, but in another the good fortune, of being treated in the Adelaide Hospital. It was at first thought he would lose his thumb, if not his hand, but through skilful treatment combined with careful nursing his limb was saved, and the least I can do now, after his discharge, is to ask you to be kind enough to tender to all concerned, doctors as well as nurses, my own and the lad's heartfelt thanks for the care and kindness bestowed upon him.

A notification was received from the Chief Secretary relative to the appointment of Professor Watson as hon. consulting surgeon.

The medical superintendent (Dr. A. E. J. Russell) wrote:—

I beg to suggest that third-year probationers be granted permission to attend midwifery cases at the Destitute Asylum when convenient. Cases for the purpose of confinement are not admitted to the Hospital, and as the attendance on such cases forms a large portion of a nurse's work outside a hospital I believe a satisfactory arrangement could be made with the Destitute Asylum Board whereby nurses might receive training in this important branch of their profession.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the matter should be referred to the medical committee.

Dr. ROGERS thought the matter should be held over till the arrangements with the University authorities were complete, and having moved a motion to that effect the board unanimously adopted it.

The medical superintendent's report for the two weeks ended September 3 was as follows:—Patients admitted, 87; discharged, 76; died, 9; now in hospital, 219; out-patients treated, 573, of whom 116 were new. Causes of death—Peritonitis, perforating ulcer of duodenum, pericarditis, carcinoma of œsophagus, cerebral tumor, morbus cordis, arterial degeneration, senility, phthisis, ch. interstitial nephritis.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL. — Another step towards the settlement of the deadlock between the University and the Adelaide Hospital Board in reference to the Medical School was taken on Friday evening, when a full conference of both bodies was held in the Mayor's parlour, Town Hall. This meeting was the outcome of a lot of correspondence between the two organizations having for its object the arrangements for the maintenance of the Medical School. Many months ago, at the suggestion of the Board, a sub-committee of the Board and the University met and agreed upon certain proposals in regard to the number of lecturers to be nominated by the Council. To these recommendations the Board gave its sanction, but the Council did not accept them, and made counter suggestions increasing the number of lecturers. To this also the Board agreed, provided that the services of Drs. Leith Napier and Ramsay Smith were utilized; but as the Council did not fall in with this idea. Matters have been for a long time at a standstill, but a few weeks ago the University suggested a conference, to which the Hospital Board consented. The Chancellor, His Honor the Chief Justice, and the Mayor, who is Chairman of the Board, fixed the date of the meeting. There were present the following members of the Council:—The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. A. Hartley; Sir J. W. Downer, M.P.; the Sheriff, Mr. W. R. Boothby; the Rev. Dr. Paton, Drs. Verco, Lendon, Stirling, and Barlow, Messrs. J. Henderson and G. J. R. Murray, and the Registrar, Mr. C. B. Hodge; while the Hospital Board was represented by the following members:—The Chairman, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. C. Tucker; the Hon. A. R. Addison, M.L.C., Drs. Curtis, Rogers, and Hill, Messrs. W. G. Coombs, W. H. Wadey, A. Spence, and C. Lyons, and Mesdames Nicholls, Parkin, Edwards, and Cullen. The Chancellor and the Chairman acted as the spokesmen for the two bodies, while the other members contented themselves by asking questions. The meeting lasted for two hours, and at the close His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the Board, expressed his pleasure at the conference having been held, and intimated that the Board would meet at an early date to consider the proposals which had been made.

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### THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The efficient maintenance of the Medical School in every department of study is a subject which has for some months exercised the minds of University councillors and Hospital Board members. There is unanimity amongst the managers of the two institutions as to the desirableness of a high standard of training being supported, but there has obviously been a division of opinion as to the selection of University lecturers. Months ago correspondence which had passed between the University council and the board was published, the outcome of which was a proposal for a conference of sub-committees. This was arranged and delegates from the governing bodies of each institution met at the hospital and for five hours discussed the question. The outcome was a suggestion that three clinical teachers should be sufficient, but the University declined to adopt it, and demanded that five should be the number. When this proposal was submitted to the Hospital Board it was agreed to, but upon the condition that the services of Drs. Leith Napier and Ramsay Smith should be availed of as the fourth and fifth instructors. A letter to this effect was sent to the University Council, whose reply was that the scheme advised in their letter of June 3 "contemplated that all the necessary clinical lecturers, and not three only should be nominated by the council, subject to the approval of the Hospital Board, and whilst there was no arrangement or understanding on the part of the council that the services of Drs. Napier and Smith would be availed of, the council are glad to learn from the board's letter of June 13 that the services of these gentlemen may be made available if desired by the council for the benefit of the school." Subsequently a letter was received by the board from the council proposing a conference to finally dispose of the question. The board acquiesced and the joint meeting was to have taken place on Friday, August 28, but it was postponed until yesterday evening, when members of the council and of the board met in the Mayor's Parlor. The board representatives present were the Chairman (Mr. C. Tucker), Drs. Rogers, Hill, and Curtis, Mesdames Cullen, Nicholls, Parkin, and Edwards, the Hon. A. R. Addison, Messrs. W. G. Coombs, W. H. Wadey, A. Spence, and C. Lyons. The members of the University Council seated round the table were the Chancellor (his Honor the Chief Justice), the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. J. A. Hartley, B.A., B.Sc.), the Rev. Dr. Paton, Sir John Downer, Dr. Stirling, Dr. Verco, Dr. Lendon, Dr. Barlow, Messrs. J.

Henderson, G. J. R. Murray, and W. R. Boothby, and the registrar (Mr. C. R. Hodge). The deliberations of the joint body began at 8 o'clock, and it was after 10 o'clock before the company dispersed. The various delegates were very reticent after the meeting, but the fact that the chairman of the Hospital Board informed the University delegates that "a special meeting will be held next week to consider the proposal of the University" implies that something in the form of a compromise was propounded by the University Council. It was decided not to give publicity to the proceedings—even to the extent mentioned—but in the course of conversation the fact spoken of was stated to a member of *The Advertiser* staff by several of the gentlemen who were present.