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**TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**

At a meeting of the University Senate on Wednesday afternoon Professor Bragg, explaining the reasons for the new agreement between the University and the School of Mines with reference to the study of applied science, made some interesting remarks on the advance of technical education. He said that every one well remembered the almost panic-stricken haste which attended the foundation of technical schools in England. These institutions were at first really only workshop schools, in which a first attempt at efficient practical education was made. When they became desirous of giving a technical training of a more advanced character they made the mistake of building on a foundation of general knowledge so insecure that the structure raised proved wholly unstable and useless for subsequent addition. It was only as experience grew that they realized that the highest and most essential form of technical education could only be reared on a grounding of general knowledge, and by the adoption of scientific methods. They had to learn that a full comprehension of the relation of the subject to its branch subjects was highly necessary in technical training. There were degrees of technical education so far apart that they could hardly be brought under the same classification. There was the instruction for the artisan, for the foreman and manager, and for the captains of industry, who created and discovered new fields of work. So that, wherever the lower forms of technical education were by no means neglected, it was towards the highest and costliest kind of teaching that the most energy became directed. It was for this latter purpose that the high technical institutions of the world of which they heard so much existed at present. Obviously, then, it was only right that the University of Adelaide and the School of Mines should combine their forces to provide South Australia with a technical education equal to any elsewhere in the world.

Dr. W. J. Walker, after a long and trying illness, died at Port Pirie on Saturday morning. His death, although not unexpected, caused deep regret. For a considerable time he acted as President of the Port Pirie Institute, and took a keen interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the town, although during late years the state of his health had prevented him from taking an active part. About two years ago he visited Queensland in search of health, and after a prolonged stay returned in March of last year considerably improved, as he thought. Dr. Walker was the son of Capt. Walker, of Portland Ward, Port Adelaide, and a native of the chief seaport. He was born in 1868, and received his early education at the old grammar school conducted by Mr. A. Martin. In 1876 this school was transferred to the state, and in the first year of its existence under Government control, the deceased, who had manifested abilities far beyond the ordinary standard, won an exhibition valued at £30, tenable for three years. He went to St. Peter's College, and there secured the Farrell Scholarship of £50 for three years. He matriculated when 15 years of age, above all his rivals, and later on won a university scholarship of £60, available for three years. At the University he obtained his B.A. degree in 1885, and in the following year he won the South Australian Scholarship, which provided him with £200 a year for four years to continue his studies in the mother land. He left for England in 1887 with the intention of going to Cambridge for his M.A. degree, but decided to study medicine, and went to Edinburgh University. At that seat of learning Dr. Walker gained the Junior Aitken-Carlisle and the Senior Aitken-Carlisle Scholarships in successive years, besides winning seven medals. He secured his M.B., B.S. degrees with honours in 1891, and remained in England for a few months to obtain a little preliminary practice. While there he was offered the position of house surgeon to the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh and the same position to the Royal College of Glasgow. Dr. Walker had, however, previously made arrangements to return to South Australia, and was obliged to decline the honours. In 1892 he came back and settled at Port Pirie. He quickly won a name for himself in the northern port, and soon had a large practice. Dr. Walker has left a widow and one son.

**TOO MUCH LOVE AND BEER.**  
Our Melbourne telegrams have informed us of the trouble which has occurred at the university in that city because the censor (Professor Laurie) rather severely expurgated the programme of songs which the students desired to sing during the proceedings at the annual commencement. The "Age," in commenting on the matter, remarks:—The incident has occasioned high feeling on the part of the great body of the students. The fines inflicted were at once paid by the comrades of the punished men. It is stated that the Medical Students' Society intends to appoint an outside doctor as its president. Professor Allen has been president for over 15 years. Professor Laurie, when spoken to on the subject on Friday night, said:—"The programme, which was distributed without authority, had been distinctly prohibited by me. I objected to it on three grounds. Firstly, the many references to 'hugging.' That practice does not go on between the male and female students, and it is an insult to the woman students to suggest that it does. Secondly, the allusions to drinking beer, which would give the impression that drunkenness is common in the university. Thirdly, I objected to the song which insinuated that the examiners 'spin' the students for the mere fun of the thing. Generally, I considered the programme a low and vulgar one, calculated to give an entirely wrong idea of what goes on in the university, unjust to the students themselves, an insult to the university, and a disgrace to those who issued it."

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**UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINE.**

**AN EXPURGATED PROGRAMME.**

The recent University commencement, which passed off with such apparent calm (says The Melbourne Age), was in reality the cause of serious strife between the professors and the undergraduates, on account of the censorship exercised by the former over the programme of songs prepared by the students for the enjoyment of the commencement proceedings. The students strongly object to Professor Laurie, as sub-editor. To such lengths have they carried their differences with him on this point that three of them have been respectively fined and rusticated and admonished. The commencement programme of the present year undoubtedly stood out as the dullest on record, which may be attributed either to the too great audacity of the lyrics who contributed the humorous verses, or to the excessive sensibility of the censor who relentlessly cut them out. There is little doubt that most people, after seeing the unexpurgated edition, would accept the former theory, for in many instances the humour was greatly strained, and the wit had oftentimes a tendency towards coarseness. On the whole, Professor Laurie, if relentless, was a quite judicious censor. But that opinion was not shared by the poets themselves, who as a protest against the official expurgations had a number of the original programmes printed, which they proceeded to distribute at the doors as the audience was assembling. A prominent medical undergraduate was ordered by Professor Laurie to hand over a bundle of them, but he refused to do so. This student and others were summoned before the Professorial Board on Thursday, with the result that one was fined £5 and rusticated for a fortnight, another was simply fined £5, and a third was admonished. These three undergraduates being representative men, it was held that they should have assisted the professors in maintaining discipline by discouraging the printing and distribution of the unauthorized programme.

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Dr. Frank W. A. Magarey has obtained his M.D. degree at the Sydney University, having successfully passed in the necessary subjects at the recent examinations. He is a graduate of the Adelaide University.

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**MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.**

**THE UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL OF MINES.**

The Executive Council on Friday approved the regulations passed by the council of the University dealing with the degree of bachelor of science, and the recently concluded agreement between the University and the School of Mines.

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**TROUBLE AT THE UNIVERSITY.**

There has been considerable trouble at the University between the undergraduates and the professional board in connection with the commencement ceremony. Professor Laurie, as censor, deleted certain portions of the songs prepared by the students, which greatly incensed them. They had programmes printed containing the expurgated portions, and delivered them to visitors entering the hall. The protest of the professor was ignored, and to-day the professional board fined and rusticated an undergraduate, fined another, and admonished a third. The undergraduates now threaten reprisals in some form.

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**DOCTORS FOR THE NAVY.**

At a meeting of the University Council, held on March 27, a dispatch was received from the Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Squadron, intimating that he was prepared to receive two candidates from each of the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, for commissions in the medical department of the navy, subject to their being in every way suitable and able to pass the necessary examinations. The commission carries with it £255 per annum on entry, £310 after four years, and £365 after eight years' service, with a gratuity upon retirement after that of £1,000. Strange to say, no candidates have so far come forward either in Adelaide or in Melbourne. When interrogated on the subject by a representative of "The Advertiser," the registrar of the University (Mr. C. R. Hodge) remarked—"There are two causes why, I think, no candidates have yet come forward in Adelaide. First, the notice we received was rather short—the examination taking place in Sydney about April 15. Then the offer has come at a time when those medical students who graduated in December last have doubtless obtained positions, which they would not care to relinquish in the hope of passing the necessary examination in Sydney. Of course, there still is time for candidates to present themselves. If this offer had been made in December there probably would have been many applicants. I have little doubt, as the salary is very tempting, that if the offer is renewed next year it will meet with greater response. In the meanwhile, we are exceedingly thankful to Vice-Admiral Fanshawe for having afforded us the opportunity to nominate applicants."

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**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ROYAL NAVY.**

At a meeting of the University Council, held on March 27, a despatch was received from the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Squadron, forwarding copies of the amended regulations for the entry of candidates into the medical department of the Royal Navy, and intimating that the commander was prepared to accept two candidates from the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney for commissions in the Royal Navy, subject to their being in every way suitable and able to pass the necessary examinations. Candidates must be not under 21 nor over 28 years of age on the day of the commencement of the competitive examination. The examinations will probably take place at Sydney on board H.M.S. Royal Arthur about April 15, and the candidates, if successful, will be granted a free passage to England by an Orient steamer leaving Sydney on April 25. Copies of the regulations may be seen at the University, and intending candidates should enter their names immediately.

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**TATE MEMORIAL TABLET.**

The Council of the University of Adelaide, at their meeting on Friday, received a letter from the secretary of the Tate Memorial Fund, intimating that the Tate memorial tablet had been hung on the walls of the Tate Museum, and inviting the council to inspect it. The council adjourned to the museum, and the Chancellor, in a few appropriate and sympathetic remarks on the long and valuable connection of Professor Tate with the University, and the esteem in which he was held by his students, who had been instrumental in having this memorial prepared, unveiled the tablet.