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Justly esteemed honorable, because they conferred facilities for rendering valuable service to the State, and those who hold these positions at present have such an opportunity as in the nature of things can seldom occur. To undertake irksome duties at a time when matters are not running smoothly, when criticism is on the alert and suspicious vigilance has to be reckoned with, requires considerable public spirit and some readiness for self-denial. Patiently to wait until the right moment comes for effecting a salutary alteration that everyone desires but no one seems able to accomplish, and then to seize the time and method when the chance arrives, is an achievement worthy of grateful recognition. It is to be hoped that nothing will occur to hinder the successful and satisfactory ending of what has been so happily begun, and that even the memory of the hospital trouble may speedily fade away in a generous acknowledgment of mutual desire for the future well-being of the institution and of all connected with it, either in the capacity of doctors or patients.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND ENGLISH.  
To the Editor.  
Sir—I don't know with what feelings the University professors concerned read in your columns the letter signed "E. A.," but I do know that in scholastic circles that letter has caused a good deal of comment. "E. A." has established against the examiners a clear case of slovenliness and carelessness in the composition of their reports, and it would be interesting to know what defence (if any) they have to offer. In the face of such an exhibition of bad grammar it is not comforting to reflect that these gentlemen form the august tribunal to which our boys and girls submit their efforts in English and composition at the "primary," "senior," and "junior."  
I am, Sir, &c.,  
"QUOUSQUE TANDEM."

"THE MUSINGS OF A MUSICIAN."  
To the Editor.  
Sir—Amongst Mr. Byrson Treharne's flowers of rhetoric I have, I think, found a soiled bud. He quotes from Shelley—"When the winds are breathing low, and the stars are shining bright." The common, and I believe the correct, rendering is "burning bright"—a much more forcible expression. In his latest outpouring Mr. Treharne mourns over the difficulty of being incoherent; but let him take courage—his past efforts have proved that he is a fit and proper person to be admitted to the degree of Master of Incoherency, with first-class honours. Joking apart, it is a pity that Mr. Treharne's otherwise excellent articles should be marred by such unnecessarily far-fetched words and phrases. "Lanie stupidity" and "abyssic ignorance," for instance, may be intelligible, but could not the ideas contained in them be equally well expressed in simpler language? He would do well to take Pope's advice with regard to coining words:—  
Be not the first by whom the new are tried  
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside.  
I am, Sir, &c.,  
SIMPLEX.

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THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.  
At a special meeting of the Council of the Adelaide University on Monday afternoon the question of the position of the Medical School was considered. The following resolution was carried:—"That this council, understanding from the medical staff that the physicians have already resumed work at the Adelaide Hospital, and that the surgeons are only awaiting the allocation of beds, resolve that the Medical School be rehabilitated for the fourth year this year and for the fourth and fifth years next year."

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THE UNIVERSITY YEAR.  
The calendar of the University of Adelaide—issued this year somewhat later than usual—is a wonderful compendium of information concerning the "fons et origo" of learning in this State. Within its 550 well-packed pages may be found (with the exception of the salaries paid to individual officials) every detail that can readily be suggested as a test of completeness. A comparatively small portion of the work consists of matter that alters but little from year to year, in the shape of statutes, regulations, and lists of graduates or office-holders. The greater part is directly concerned with the year 1900 and the results of the work which it witnessed. Included in this are the various examination papers, which give the volume a special value to teachers and intending students. The questions cover, if not the whole range of human knowledge, at least a generous proportion of it, and it would be a remarkable brain which should be able to deal satisfactorily with the whole of them. The actual report of the year's work, nominally furnished by the Council to His Excellency the Governor as Visitor, is a brief document, of some ten pages only. It deals with facts, with figures, and with names; opinions, and the motives from which actions spring, are somewhat carefully kept in the background. But it is possible to read between the modest and matter-of-fact lines an excellent record of work done, and, in particular, of broadened principles and extended usefulness, such as should rightfully prevail where a seat of learning is established in a community that has in view the good of the greatest number.

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THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.  
At the meeting of the Adelaide Hospital Board on Friday last Dr. W. Ramsay Smith applied for leave of absence to enable him to proceed to South Africa as medical officer to the Fifth Contingent. He also tendered his resignation as honorary physician to the hospital, which the board accepted and forwarded to the Chief Secretary, recommending the approval of the Government. It was also a recommendation of the board that Dr. Ramsay Smith should be appointed as physician to the isolation wards at a salary of £100 per annum. At an Executive Council meeting held at Government House on Saturday afternoon the recommendations of the Hospital Board were approved, and the necessary leave of absence was granted to Dr. W. Ramsay Smith, without pay, at his own request, as chairman of the Central Board of Health, City Coroner, and from his hospital duties. Drs. Verco and Hayward will immediately take over Dr. Ramsay Smith's beds, and it is understood that complete arrangements will be made for the University staff to enter upon their duties during the week.

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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND ENGLISH.  
To the Editor.  
Sir—The correspondent who signs himself "Quousque Tandem" apparently regards himself as a classical scholar. At any rate, the nom de plume indicates that that is the case. He declares that "E. A." has established against the examiners a clear case of slovenliness and carelessness in the composition of their reports "in the face of such an exhibition of bad grammar." May I ask what the gentleman means? There is no such a thing as "bad grammar," although unhappily bad English prevails—to wit, in the letter of "Quousque Tandem."  
I am, Sir, &c.,  
NO PEDANT.

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Miss Elsie Hall is to act in conjunction with Professor Ives and Mr. Frederick Bevan, the acting director of the Elder Conservatorium, as one of the examiners for the pianoforte scholarships of that institution to be awarded next March.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.  
On the recommendation of the council of the University of Adelaide, scholarships for the year 1901 have been awarded as under:—Day students—Scholarships under regs. 465-473 of 1900, John Raymond Wilton, £35; Frank Smith, £30; Reginald Yorke Langdon, £25. Third-year undergraduate scholarships under regs. 378-385 of 1894, David William Stanley McArthur, £35; Andrew Fairweather, £30; Francis Henry Cowell, £25. Evening students—Scholarships, value £10 each, under regs. 474-480 of 1900, for a second year, John Howard Allen, Charles Edward Loan, Clement Thomas Rose. For a third year, William Baker, Willoughby George Bell, Annie Millicent Clarke. For a fourth year, Laura Olga Hedwig Heyne, Dora Isabel Paton, Harry Edward Noltemius, Samuel Herbert Macmillan.

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Dr. F. W. Richards has been appointed by the Government to the dual office, formerly held by the late Mjr. H. B. Taylor, of Associate to the Chief Justice and Clerk of Arraignment of the Supreme Court. Dr. Richards had an unusually brilliant academic career at the London University, where he obtained his LL.D. degree. He was subsequently admitted as a solicitor of the English Courts, but did not practise in the old country. He came to South Australia about five years ago, and for two years held the position of managing clerk in the office of Messrs. Symon, Bakewell, Stow, & Piper. In 1897 he was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court, and for the last two and a half years he has been engaged in the office of Messrs. Kingston & McLachlan. Dr. Richards has taken an active interest in philanthropic and educational matters, and for some time past he has acted as hon. secretary to the Industrial School for the Blind. He is also a vice-president of the Literary Societies' Union. He entered upon his new duties on Monday.

The board of examiners for the Elder scholarships have recommended that the scholarships be awarded as under:—Pianoforte playing—Florence Olga Sævi; violin playing—Eugene Horatio Aderman; singing (tenor voice)—Manrice Clayton Chenoweth; violoncello playing—Harold Stephen Parsons.

The settlement of the unfortunate hospital dispute has evidently come too late for a report that bears the date of January, but the exodus of advanced students to Melbourne being stopped, the effect upon the Faculty of Medicine should be a marked one. In this connection it may be noted that physiology has been promoted from a lectureship to a professorship, Dr. Stirling becoming, as of right, the first occupant of the new chair. Professor Douglas arrived during the year to take up his duties in history and the English language, and he has also been able to supply a somewhat surprising demand for the teaching of Italian. Professor Ives did not apply for reappointment when his term as Director of the Conservatorium expired, and Mr. Bevan is at present acting director. The actual buildings named after Sir Thomas Elder, and devoted to the study of music, were completed early in the year, and had their formal opening later on. The number of students is already remarkable, and thus the bonds between the University and the public are strengthened. Again, under an arrangement made for the higher education of State school teachers, 36 students from the Education Department have attended University lectures during the year. The scheme is under the management of Mr. Andrew Scott and Mr. Maughan, and is expected to develop considerably in the near future. The Higher Public Examination is another new feature of interest, being intended as an "honors" examination for any who may have passed the Senior and are not content with that. The attention given to those who have no idea