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**THE HOSPITAL TROUBLE SETTLED.**  
The board of management of the Adelaide Hospital held a special meeting on Thursday afternoon and unanimously adopted the report of the sub-committee appointed at the previous meeting of the board to confer with a sub-committee of the council of the University, with the view of arranging a settlement of matters in connection with the Hospital. The two sub-committees met on Tuesday, and unanimously agreed to recommend to their respective boards the adoption of the following resolution:—"On the nomination of the University the following offices be filled on the staff of the Adelaide Hospital—Two physicians, two surgeons, one gynaecologist, one ophthalmologist, two assistant physicians, two assistant surgeons (one of the four assistants being appointed joint pathologist). Further, that every member of the senior staff, present or future, at the Adelaide Hospital, be styled clinical teacher, and that his name shall appear in the University Calendar as such." This resolution, which had been adopted without dissent by the council of the University, was unanimously agreed

to at the meeting of the Hospital Board on Thursday. This will end the dispute in the Adelaide Hospital, and the door is now open for the re-establishment of the Medical School and the re-admission of outside doctors.

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**ARRIVAL OF THE INDIA.**  
The P. and O. mail steamer India will reach the Semaphore at about noon to-day, but in consequence of an outbreak of small-pox on board she will be under quarantine regulations. According to the telegraphed list from Albany there are only three passengers in the saloon for Adelaide, though another advice gives the number as five. Among the number is the Rev. Joseph Robertson, M.A., pastor of Stow Church, who is returning from the Boston International Congregational Conference. Mr. Robertson has also visited Palestine since he left the colony, and it was anticipated that he would be able to be present at his Church services to-morrow, if he did not take part. His congregation will be disappointed to find that the popular preacher will either have to go into quarantine at Torrens Island, or continue his voyage in the steamer to Sydney, there to undergo a period of detention. Mr. Bryceson Trehearne, A.R.C.M., who is under an engagement with the Elder Conservatorium of Music as a teacher of the piano, is also on the India, and he will have an opportunity of getting into practice at Torrens Island—that is if the station possesses a musical instrument. It is not known as yet how many of the India's passengers may desire to land at Torrens Island. There are about 100 tons of cargo for this port, and this with the mails will have to be landed under quarantine regulations. The mails for Adelaide will be fumigated, and in consequence of this operation will not be available for delivery to-day.

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Information has come to hand that the position of Professor of Modern History and English Literature in Adelaide has been conferred on Professor Douglas, and the opinion expressed here is that he will prove a great acquisition to the University there. He has already gained renown in the fields of historical research, and at the present time he is engaged in investigations on the Continent which will probably occupy his time up to if not a few days beyond the period when he should be starting for his new scene of labour. Among South Australians who have made his acquaintance is Mr. G. W. Hawkes, who met him at Boulogna some weeks ago.

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**THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.**  
In Executive Council on Tuesday morning the undermentioned persons were appointed the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital for the ensuing year:—Mesdames Elizabeth Cullen, Helen Edwards, and Elizabeth Welsh Nicholls, the Hon. W. A. Robinson, M.L.C., Messrs. W. G. Coombs, A. A. Kirkpatrick, Robert Lewis, A. Mackie, C. Tucker, M.P., A. W. Ware, Mayor of Adelaide, John White, and T. F. Wigley, Professor W. Mitchell, M.A., D.Sc., and Drs. A. W. Hill and R. S. Rogers. Mr. C. R. Morris, formerly Mayor of Port Adelaide, has retired from the Board, and Mr. J. White, of Kent Town, takes his place. Mrs. Parkin has also retired from the Board.

**THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.**  
The negotiations which have been proceeding for some time past with the view to settling the dispute in connection with the Adelaide Hospital have been satisfactorily concluded. A special meeting of the Board of Management of the institution was held on Thursday afternoon, when the Board adopted the report of its sub-committee appointed to confer with a sub-committee of the Council of the University on the question. The two sub-committees had met on Tuesday, and unanimously agreed to recommend to their respective Boards the adoption of the following resolutions:—"On the nomination of the University the following offices be filled on the staff of the Adelaide Hospital—Two physicians, two surgeons, one gynaecologist, one ophthalmologist, two assistant physicians, two assistant surgeons (one of the four assistants being appointed joint pathologist). Further, that every member of the senior staff, present or future, at the Adelaide Hospital be styled clinical teacher, and that his name shall appear in the University Calendar as such." This resolution, which had been carried without dissent by the University Council, was unanimously agreed to by the Hospital Board on Thursday, and its effect is to end the dispute in the Hospital and to open the door for the establishment of the Medical School at the institution and the readmission to the Hospital of outside doctors.

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**ADELAIDE HOSPITAL BOARD.**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

**OPPOSITION TO MR. TUCKER**

A meeting of the Adelaide Hospital Board was held on Friday, when there were present Mr. C. Tucker (in the chair), Mesdames Edwards, Cullen, and Nicholls, the Mayor of Adelaide, Professor Mitchell, Drs. Rogers and Hill, Hon. W. A. Robinson, Messrs. W. G. Coombs, R. Lewis, T. F. Wigley, A. Mackie, A. A. Kirkpatrick, and J. White.

Dr. Rogers moved the re-election of Mr. Tucker as chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Mackie seconded.

Mr. Wigley said before he voted on the motion he would like to say a few words. Some short time ago a majority of the board thought it desirable to make a change in the chairmanship, and steps were taken to bring that about. But on the assurance of Mr. Tucker that he did not intend to remain on the board, his intention being to resign his position within two or three weeks—

Mr. Tucker—I did not give any such assurance to anyone.

Mr. Wigley said the chairman had made a statement to one of the members of the board that within, say, a month after the appointment of the new board he intended to resign. Therefore the majority did not put any candidate against Mr. Tucker. He wanted two or three questions answered before he voted. Did Mr. Tucker authorise any person to assure any member of the board that he intended to resign, or did he tell any member of the board that he was going to resign within a month or so from the appointment of the new board? Did he also say anything to any member of the board about resigning? Did the chairman intend to resign, and, if so, when?

Mr. Tucker—I decline to answer any of your questions.

Mr. Wigley—You decline to answer any questions I have asked. Then I have much pleasure in proposing an amendment to the motion—that Mr. Coombs be the chairman of the board.

Mr. Lewis seconded the amendment.

Mr. Coombs said he was much obliged to the proposer and seconder of the amendment for the compliment they had paid him, but he felt it was a mistake to have brought up this question to-day. (Hear, hear.) From what Mr. Wigley told him it appeared that that gentleman had an assurance from a member of the board that the chairman intended to resign. Personally he did not wish to be mixed up in this unsatisfactory procedure, and he wanted to put himself right with every member of the board. He thought that as the question of the chairmanship had been brought forward now it would, perhaps, be better for the sake of maintaining the harmony of the proceedings for the chairman to answer the questions. The answer was already known, because several members had spoken to him on the matter. There was nothing private in it. He would much rather Mr. Wigley had not mentioned the matter.

Mr. Tucker said if he had mentioned to a member of the board that he had not the time to devote to the board, Mr. Wigley should not have used it that afternoon.

Mr. Wigley—Mr. Coombs did not tell me.

Mr. Tucker did not say Mr. Coombs had done so. It was quite unfair to bring the matter up at that meeting. If he had told any member of the board anything in confidence, the member had no right to use it, and it would be more in keeping with the dignity of his position, and that of the board, if he declined to answer the question.

Mr. Wigley said it was proposed that they should have a new chairman. (Mr. Tucker—"By yourself.") But on the assurance that Mr. Tucker was going to resign, one of the members decided to vote for the late chairman. He had a right to know if anybody had the right to give that assurance. One of the leading movers in having a new chairman was informed on reliable authority that if Mr.

Tucker were appointed for two or three weeks that would be the end of him, and that Mr. Coombs, or some person who had the confidence of the majority of the board, would step into the chairman's shoes without debate or discussion. He was not wrong in asking the question, as it affected his vote. (Mr. Tucker—"I do not want your support.") If he could not get a straightforward answer—

Mr. Tucker—You have got a straightforward answer.

Mr. Wigley—A straightforward answer, you call it! You have quibbled and crawled around the question.

Mr. Robinson—The chairman declines to answer the question.

Mr. Wigley—Do you call that straightforward? This is the way you sneak into the chairmanship. If Mr. Coombs were to contest your seat now he would beat you hollow.

Mr. Tucker—Proceed with your remarks, please, Mr. Wigley.

Mr. Wigley—I'll give you some more directly.

Mr. Tucker—Go on with your work.

Mr. Wigley—Don't talk to me like that. Who are you to talk to people about going on with the work? I'll ask the two gentlemen interested in the election to retire, and let us have a vote on it.

Mr. Tucker—There is no occasion for that.

Mr. Lewis said the position was put to him that as Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Coombs had been members of the board for four years it was a reflection on their ability to keep them continually in the background.

Mrs. Nicholls said there was no rule about the appointment of a chairman. Mr. Thomas Graves had held that position for 20 years, and in other Government departments there were similar cases. It was no slight upon either Mr. Coombs or Mr. Kirkpatrick, because either was not appointed chairman. She would support Mr. Tucker's re-election.

Mr. Lewis—It is a reflection upon their ability.

Mrs. Nicholls—Then it might be taken as a reflection upon everyone who had been on the board for a long time.

Mr. Robinson said the chairman had a right to his objections to answer Mr. Wigley's questions, but at the same time if Mr. Tucker replied it would have considerable influence upon his vote. If it were true that Mr. Tucker had stated authoritatively to a member of the board that he intended holding his seat for a fortnight only he scarcely saw the use of electing a chairman just for that particular period. It was a pity that as the matter had been brought up Mr. Tucker could not answer the question.

Mr. Tucker said whatever he might have stated privately to any member of the board, he did not expect it to be repeated.

Mr. Mackie said it was unfair to place the chairman in this position. Under existing circumstances they should return Mr. Tucker to his old position. He was perfectly satisfied that what the chairman had said would be respected. Mr. Tucker had been an efficient chairman for four years, and had incurred a good deal of adverse criticism during that period in doing what he thought was the best thing for the hospital. He hoped Mr. Wigley and his friends would not press for an assurance.

Mr. Robinson—It is not a question of Mr. Wigley and his friends. We are all friends nominally here.

Mr. Mackie—I am afraid there is a good deal of feeling from what I can see personally.

Dr. Rogers—I move that the question be now put. I agree entirely with Mr. Mackie's remarks.

Mr. Coombs said he wanted to be perfectly open and above board in this matter. Seeing that the assurance had been mentioned by several members of the board it would be much nicer if the chairman said "Yes" or "No" to the question.

Mr. Tucker—It was private.

Mr. Wigley—I want to know if what you said to the member is true?

Mr. Coombs—I beg to withdraw my candidature under the circumstances. What the chairman said just now is quite sufficient for me, and I think it ought to be for all members of the board.

The motion was put and declared carried unanimously by the secretary.

Mr. Wigley—No, it is not. I vote against it.

Mr. Tucker thanked the board for re-electing him. He hoped his refusal to answer Mr. Wigley's questions would not be taken as an act of discourtesy towards the other members. Such a question he would refuse to answer at any meeting, but he now desired to tell them that owing to his Parliamentary and numerous other duties he felt he could not devote enough time to the board, and members would sympathise with him in retiring on that account. It was not that he did not like the work; he was very fond of it; he would have retired some months ago if the negotiations between the hospital and the University had been concluded satisfactorily. He had been concerned in this matter from the start; he had fought their battles, and he felt he had the confidence of a majority of the board. He hoped with reference to the negotiations that finality

would be reached, and as soon as that was accomplished he would ask them to part with him as chairman and as a member of the board.

The senior resident medical officer's report for two weeks ended March 8 was as follows:—Patients admitted, 129; discharged, 131; died, 8; now in hospital, 213; out-patients treated, 718, of whom 149 were new. Causes of deaths—Pneumonia pneumonia (2), cystitis, leukaemia, pleuro-pneumonia, nephritis, febris enterica, and tubercular osteitis. There were in the institution 16 cases of typhoid, 6 of diphtheria, and 1 of erysipelas.