In a very high level manner the University Council has replied to the protest sent to it by the chairman of the Motion on account of illegal irregularities in connection with the recent examinations of the Adelaide University. We cannot congratulate the compiler of the reply on the character or on the decision which it records. Considering the nature of the charges made, it is not at all satisfactory. Apparently the Council has yet to be acquainted with the report of the professor on the position of the professor, which may be indicated in a free paraphrase of an admirably concise sentence in the report: "It is idle for this University to express the assurance that the average mortal will feel confidence in the University examinations so long as pupils of competent knowledge are examined by a competing teacher," and if this confidence should fail, the University certificate of competency may become a mere source of annoyance. In opening its reply the "Board of Mensal Studies" appears to assume that the Professor of Mathematics is a" 'competent teacher," and that practically everything in connection with the present examinations was according to rule. So far as the first point is concerned, its confirmation is the efficiency of the Professor was raised by the protest, and there is nothing in it that would appear what was not challenged. The people of the Board in its adoption of Professor's views as a matter of course, or as an examiner, or he ought to ask them to accept him in both capacities. Under the circumstances it is not unreasonable to expect that the basis nature is of an uncommon variety. The University appears to be bound to say that the report is insufficient, and contains nothing in any way justifying Professor's views, as the final statement of the University Council, and is not in the majority of the students of the University Council at the University College. If they were intended as a fair and impartial inquiry into the charges made by the local teachers, the Board of Mensal Studies would have been informed that the University Council is highly justified in investigating such accusations; and if they did the fact would naturally have been more popularly justified than if, after the investigation of the Board's report, the public would be expected to accept the explanation and adopted the pleasant conclusion of the report as satisfactory.