POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY
A Reply from the Professional Board
The Number of Students—"Teaching Staff Working Under Great Difficulties"

Mr. J. E. Whitfield, chairman of the Professional Board, wrote as follows:

"In your issue of the 15th inst. there is an article dealing with the University of Queensland, which contains several errors, which are liable to create a wrong impression. The text of the first-year students is as follows:

Faculty Matric.-Non-matric.-Total.
Arts ... 24 ... 48 ... 72
Science ... 12 ... 24 ... 36
Engineering ... 10 ... 20 ... 30

Totals ... 33 ... 72 ... 105

The University of Queensland opened in March, 1913, with 66 matriculated students, and the enrolment increased during the year to 115, including both matriculated and non-matriculated. The other Australian Universities started with comparatively few students.

The University began lectures in March, 1913, before some of the members of the teaching staff had arrived; consequently, the building was not ready for a proper matriculation examination. The necessity of non-matriculated students is higher than it will be in future years when the University will have more nearly completed its last century.

Most of the Training College students are non-matriculated. Some students who are not matriculated, as well as other non-matriculated students, are matriculated, which is an indication that the University is in advance of the other Australian Universities, and that the same thing is done in the University of Queensland.

At Sydney University, for instance, only 13 of the 105 students attending various courses of instruction are non-matriculated, whereas the number of students per member of the teaching staff is ridiculously low, whereas it is much higher in the other Australian Universities.

With regard to the question of laboratory work, I consider it necessary that the number of students per member of the teaching staff should be reduced as much as possible. The University of Queensland has 72 students, whereas it is much higher in the other Australian Universities.

Professor Whitfield rather confines the expectation that the Technical School can be opened at the University of Queensland, but with the additional provision that the proposal would be impracticable, which would make it necessary to postpone any such institution as the University of Queensland.

The teaching staff, especially in the science department, is certainly working under great difficulties at present, but is doing its best to remove them. It is not possible to get the staff of the University together and to have them in the University, but they are doing their best to remove them. The staff is doing its best to remove them.

We are certainly surprised to learn that there are 255 students at the University, and that some instruction is given by the statement that 112 of them are non-matriculated. These 112 may be classified as upper-class students, and the University is not in a position to give them the knowledge they are seeking. They are not University students in the accepted sense, and do not have the same thing as the University of Queensland.

The University of Queensland is rapidly developing, and we are glad to learn that there are only 88 of them, and our average per head of the staff is liberal enough.

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