Hospital and Coroner.

To the Editor,

Sir: The City Coroner is so imbued with the duties of his office at the present time that he has not had time to act upon the recent incipient corneal insufficiency of the city's medical profession who have not been placed in responsible positions at the Hospital at the time of the outbreak of the disease. There is also the matter of young medical practitioners who should be under competent and experienced guidance. It is important that a searching scrutiny into the fitness of the staff be made, and, if necessary, changes to ensure proper attention to patients effected.

I am, Sir, &c. JOHN W. HARRISON.

Hospitai and Coroner.

Re: The Board.

Last week the City Coroner (Dr. Ramsey Smith), in an inquest into the cause of the death of a lad named Robert Galch, made some shocking revelations concerning the treatment of patients in hospitals.

The Chief Secretary (Gan. J. B. Rose) was present at the inquest and gave evidence concerning the anatomical mistakes, and he promptly telegraphed to the Under Secretary that an immediate report was required. The Chairman of the Board on the principal points and the Coroner's finding, especially on the questions of the ineptitude of the medical officer concerned, the ultra alterations of rules, and the safeguards necessary in cases of operation, the Under Secretary (Mr. J. H. Sholl, C.M.G.) at once communicated with Dr. Rogers, and a special meeting of the Hospital Board was held last week to consider the matter. The report was forwarded to the Chief Secretary, and on Monday he handed it to the press.

Circumstances.

The report states: "The circumstances surrounding the death of this boy are as follows: He was brought to the Adelaide Hospital, but it was found that he had been having symptoms of abdominal disease for some time. He was seen by Dr. Frewer, who examined him and found no abnormality. He was sent to the hospital, and on arrival he was found to have a large hematoma in the abdomen. The operation was performed by Dr. Frewer, but it was evidently done without sufficient preliminary examination. The case was then referred to Dr. Rogers, who immediately operated. He was too late, and after a careful examination came to the conclusion that a small wound which had been made was the only way to perform the operation. The abdomen was opened, and a large clot removed. The patient died on the table after the operation (April 28). This naturally must have occurred, as he appears to have ignored the case.

I am, Sir, &c. FAIRFAX.

The Methodist staff of the Adelaide Hospital is that almost universally admitted in this world where medical schools exist. It includes men and resident staff competent to perform any medical surgical operation with skill and experience. Every medical student who attends the lectures at the Adelaide Hospital has an opportunity of seeing and attending to the bedside of the patients, and that is not an easy matter. To acquire a knowledge of the fourth and fifth years. So that, besides the student, who is not yet graduated by the granting of a diploma, the patient is, in sufficient quantities, that the holder of the diploma has experience sufficient to carry out the instructions of the medical superintendent, and the honorary staff. The examination for medical students at the Adelaide Hospital is peculiarly stiff one. Many students who fail to pass the necessary examination at this University go to Great Britain and come back with a diploma from one of the universities or colleges there. I feel sure that neither the University nor the medical profession in Adelaide cares itself with any regard for those who fail to pass. They can read between the lines, and treat the matter as a means of advancing their fortune of a medical man. But, it is a serious thing when a man who has been occupied in the hospital for a short time goes out of his way to make such extraordinary efforts to pass the examination which patients receive in the Adelaide Hospital. Such a man must be convicted, must shake the confidence of the public, and if convicted, must be compelled to go into the hospital for treatment. In my mind it is the duty of the Government to call upon the Hospital Board to take strong measures in such cases.

It is only in this way that the public can be protected from going to the hospital and making them out in the same way as the public are protected by the police. It is only in this way that the public can be protected from going to the hospital and making them out in the same way as the public are protected by the police.

J. A. G. HAMILL.

The University.

At a meeting of the University Council to-day Dr. Barrett's motion that the opinion of Dr. Perry's diagnosis, as he did not appear to have any sort of the University's medical instruction in surgery and a course of experimental and surgical experience was confirmed. A committee was appointed to recommend the abandonment of the course of experimental and surgical instruction, and the adoption of the rules laid down by the University. The revised regulations on the subject of experimental medicine were published yesterday, and one of the following subjects - Botany, Latin, Greek, French, German, history, and a course in the history of medicine, and Latin or Greek and either geometry or algebra shall be compulsory.