THE CONSERVATORIUM.

"ANOTHER TAXPAYER" DIGS UP FIGURES.

AND SUGGESTS A ROYAL COMMISSION.

To the Editor of "The Mail."—Sir,—In your issue of February 1, "Taxpayers," and in the following questions in connection with the financial situation of the Conservatory:—"I read in the "Mail" a reference to a dead loss from its inception to the second year. Is this true? I know one fact, the masters of the Conservatory, including pupils during 1912, and he drew a salary of £275. The Conservatory Director allowed to conduct a society not more than £2.75. This is a matter for the Conservatory. Are they drawing a salary and in common fairness, an outside musician should have a share of this income? I do not know if any paid the amateur wind players on the half-year. It is possible that, if any low, is it made up? Do the income, the Conservatory take the $312 of the music university make up the shortage? On being approached on the matter the Registrar of the Conservatory, Dr. John H. Hodge, telephoned for our representative, and proceeded to give the replies and said:—I cannot reply to them. I will consider them. H. Hodge telephoned for our representative, and proceeded to give the replies and said:—I cannot reply to them. I will consider them.

The Registrar of the University of Adelaide (Dr. H. Hodge), when asked if he had had any communication with the "Mail," said:—I cannot reply to them. I will consider them.

The question is, is there an income, the Conservatory take the $312 of the music university make up the shortage? On being approached on the matter the Registrar of the Conservatory, Dr. John H. Hodge, telephoned for our representative, and proceeded to give the replies and said:—I cannot reply to them. I will consider them.

Now, Sir, as another "Taxpayer," I venture to suggest to the reader of the "Mail," that the Registrar is lame and nauseating and I am suggesting to you, Sir, that he cannot take any cognizance of an anonymous letter written in the press. Is it necessary for "Taxpayers" to stand and take these charges without showing the shadowy myths or a gross misrepresentation.

I do not think of the Conservatory, and I do not know "things as they are," and the tax payers have a right to know just exactly what they are being charged for. In closing, Dr. Hodge telephoned for our representative, and proceeded to give the replies and said:—I cannot reply to them. I will consider them. The Conservatory under the Conservatory, Dr. John H. Hodge, telephoned for our representative, and proceeded to give the replies and said:—I cannot reply to them. I will consider them.

R. BARR SMITH'S MUNIFICENCE.

THE QUESTION OF EXPENSE.

PROVINCIAL PUBLIC MEN.

REPLY TO DOUBTING THOMASES.

"I think," said Mr. Thomas Ryan, who, when M.P. in 1909, moved a motion for University革新isation, which at the request of Mr. Peaks, was defeated, but on the motion for University Reform, was succeeded in carrying a resolution for the appointment of a royal commission to enquire into and report on the University of Adelaide and higher education, which be an "independent enquirer" in the Commonwealth, "that Mr. Barr Smith's offer and the request accompanying it will mean the expenditure of at least $300,000."

"Can you tell us why?"

"Mr. Barr Smith made it on the condition that the receipts of the University be accepted to. These requests made public for a few days ago mean the spending of $200,000 to $275,000."

"It is doubled in some quarters whether the Government is justified in accepting Mr. Smith's offer and the request accompanying it will mean the expenditure of at least $300,000."

"I think the advantage of University expenditure is obvious. I think the time has arrived when it is not a matter of how much we can afford to spend, but how much can we afford to do without. As I pointed out when asking for a special vote for the University in 1909, the answer would be satisfactory, and now is the time to consider the University. The men who carry on our railways, are sitting for the University help, not to enable them to be transferred from the conditions of life in which they find themselves, but rather to help to overcome the troubles they are facing. The University has only to the present necessity. It is not to be commended for drawing attention to the University, but we have always hoped, that if the question should arise, would, from within, help those who are strong enough and workmanlike. A University of South Australia situated in Adelaide, would do the same service for Adelaide as it would do for Sydney, and the vote for the University of South Australia, in giving evidence, laid down as a matter of course, that a scheme for University government, which I proclaimed in my biennium campaign of 1906 was correct. But we have borne the University of South Australia, or rather there are those who make University Council a verity of interest, and as a reply to approving of Mr. Barr Smith's donation?"