

students should be able to drift on from the one to the other naturally, to complete their course. The University would be very foolish if they tried to take any work away from the School of Mines, and Professor Chapman had been just a little indiscreet in giving the evidence Mr. Bice had quoted. It was rather in the interests of the University that the School of Mines should undertake still more work. (Hear, hear.)

The Hon. A. W. STYLES said members need not fear that the Commission would ever recommend anything that would advance one institution to the detriment of the other. In many billets the B.E. degree was essential, but 38 students who had passed through the School of Mines and the University and were entitled to get that degree, could not get it. It was desired now to put South Australian students on the same footing as students in the other States. The School of Mines was a good institution to-day, and all honor to the men who brought it up to its present standard; but much could yet be done to improve the equipment of the institution that had already done so much for the young men of the State, and he would always be found supporting any proposal in that direction. (Hear, hear.) He supported the present Bill because he believed it would benefit both institutions.

Second reading carried.

In committee.

Clause 1 passed.

Progress was reported, and the committee obtained leave to sit again next day.