

The Register

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THE UNIVERSITY AND THE ARMY
MEDICAL CORPS.

To the Editor.

Sir—I see that Dr. Ramsay Smith, with that thoroughness for which he is noted, has determined that the hospital with which he is connected shall have the best attainable talent in every direction. Against this there is the fact that in other hospitals in connection with the Military Department many of the Red Cross section have had practically no experience other than a week or so at the Adelaide Hospital, although we cannot think too highly of their patriotism in giving their services. Now, could not our University authorities try to improve on this? There are many in the medical section of the University serving their second, third, and fourth years who, if a little encouragement was given, would gladly offer their services to act at the front. These men, trained as they are for some years, would be very useful. Why not make the offer that each year served for the country would count as a year off their graduation course? I am sure this would have a great effect with them. Then in reference to the senior students, those in for their final examination, before long there is no doubt every available medical man will be wanted. The loyalty shown by our senior doctors and the sacrifices they are making for the country cannot be too highly appreciated. They will be at the base hospitals to do the skilled work. But we shall want thousands of the younger men to do the rough work in the front and actually on the field, and accept the risks in giving first aid to the wounded before they are sent to the rear for more skilled attention. It is to be hoped that the authorities will give more heed to the practical rather than the theoretical portions of the examination now taking place. If a man is fairly sound in practical surgery it is of far more moment than the fact that he is unsound in certain methods of procedure, &c. As I said before, every man will be wanted, and our professors should not allow any consideration of the fact that their lectures may be sparsely attended during the coming terms to interfere with their desire to do everything to assist our men. I understand British medical professors refuse to give lectures to men between the ages of 20 and 30. The last few months have been of a most exciting nature to all of us, and I am afraid the poor student has had his nerves stirred up to the detriment of his studies.—I am, &c.,

PRACTICAL.

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MEDICAL STUDENTS
FOR THE FRONT.

South Australian
Applicants.

The British Army at the front in Belgium and France requires the aid of as many doctors as it can procure. Recruits for the medical branch are being sought in the dominions. In *The Register* on Wednesday the names of the fourth and fifth year students who had passed were given, and it is understood that some half-dozen of them applied and were accepted for service. To-morrow the University council will meet, and probably the applications of the students for leave will be dealt with.

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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The Senate of the University of Adelaide again had before it on Friday a motion submitted in November last year by the Rev. Canon Girdlestone, M.A., to alter the mode of electing members of the University Council in the event of a contest arising. Mr. Girdlestone's proposal was that voting should be permitted between noon and the hour of the Senate meeting, instead of being restricted to the meeting itself. Consideration of the question was deferred so that a legal opinion could be obtained from the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. W. Barlow, C.M.G.) whether the Senate had power under the University Incorporation Act to make the proposed alteration. Dr. Barlow decided that the Act made it imperative that the election should be confined to a meeting of the Senate, duly convened for that purpose. The Warden (Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc.) said he remembered the question being raised many years ago, when the late Sir Henry Ayers had given a ruling similar in effect to that of Dr. Barlow. Professor Jethro Brown asked whether a distinction could be drawn between "voting" and "election," so that members of the Senate could record their votes either before or at the meeting, and the actual counting of votes and election take place at the meeting. Dr. Barlow said he was of opinion that all matters connected with the election must take place during the meeting. The motion therefore lapsed as being ultra vires. Mr. Chapple said he wished the change could be made, but it would require a modification of the Act. That course was proposed 30 years ago, but the council at the time did not deem it expedient to take the step.

ALEXANDER CLARK MEMORIAL PRIZE.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of Adelaide on Wednesday approval was given, on the motion of Professor Ennis, seconded by Professor Jethro Brown, to the statutes drawn up for administering the Alexander Clark Memorial Prize, for the foundation of which £255 was paid to the University in memory of the late Inspector Clark. The annual value is £12 10/, entitling the holder to enter the Elder Conservatorium and study for three years the principal subject (pianoforte, violin, organ, violoncello, or singing) for which the prize was awarded, together with secondary subjects approved by the director. It was provided that candidates in pianoforte, violin, organ, or violoncello must not be more than 18 years of age, and candidates in singing not more than 24, and must have regularly attended for at least two years, between the ages of 11 and 16, a school under the Education Department. The prize will be offered for competition in the first instance in March next.

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Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., has been unanimously re-elected warden of the Senate for the University of Adelaide. He has been returned to the office each year since 1883 without opposition. Mr. T. Ainslie Caterer, B.A., has been re-elected unopposed as clerk of the Senate, in which capacity he has acted since 1888, and has likewise never had to contest an election. The five annual vacancies on the University Council have been filled by the re-election of Dr. W. Barlow, C.M.G. (Vice-Chancellor), Professors Ennis and Mitchell, the Rev. Dr. Jefferis, and Dr. B. Poulton.

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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

MEETING OF SENATE.

A meeting of the Senate of the Adelaide University was held yesterday afternoon in the physics room at the University. Mr. F. Chapple (the warden) presided over the meeting. Dr. W. Barlow, C.M.G., was present, and the attendance was a representative one.

The vice-chancellor replied to a request of the Senate to give an opinion on a resolution passed at the previous meeting of the senate, moved by Canon Girdlestone, providing for an amendment of standing orders allowing voting for the election of a member of the University council between the hours of 12 noon and the hour fixed for the meeting of the senate on the day of senate meeting.

Dr. Barlow set out his opinion at length, which concluded with a statement that he was of opinion that the senate had not the power, under the Act of Incorporation of 1874, to pass an alteration of the standing orders in the direction suggested. The election of members of the council must take place at the meeting of the senate.

The warden said that it would require an alteration of the Act to do as the mover suggested. Therefore Canon Girdlestone's motion would lapse as being ultra vires. The warden said that they

were greatly indebted to the vice-chancellor for the thoroughness with which he had gone into the matter.

Senate Elections.

Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., was re-elected warden of the senate. He has successfully been re-elected since 1883. Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A., was re-elected clerk of the senate for the 27th successive time.

Council Elections.

The following retiring members of the council of the University were re-elected, namely, Dr. W. Barlow, C.M.G., B.A., LL.B., Professor Ennis, Mus.Doc., Rev. J. Jefferis, LL.D., Professor Mitchell, M.A., D.Sc., and Dr. Benjamin Poulton, M.D.

On the motion of Professor Rennie, seconded by Professor Chapman, the conditions for the degree of Bachelor of Science were altered to provide that no student shall be admitted to lectures until he shall have completed the corresponding compulsory subject, except by the permission of the Faculty of Science.