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**PUBLIC AND UNIVERSITY PROTESTS.**

**HOBART, Tuesday.**

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At the time of writing, no official report of the student demonstration had reached the University Council for consideration. The University Council has not yet decided on the action to be taken in the matter.

**Credit Balances.**

**By T. S. Ople, B.A., Dip. Ec.**

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