The Adelaide University Calendar gives no indication of any suspension of the system of granting University scholarships, and that some of the highest educational authorities in the colony seem to have been under the impression that the awards would be made, as usual, in the early part of next year. The University of Adelaide is now left more destitute than perhaps any other similar institution in the world in the matter of any kind of entrance scholarships or exhibitions which might enable the poorer classes of the community to take advantage of its richly endowed classes. The educational ladder is, so to speak, deprived of the steps which lead the poor student into the academic classes, and a ladder with a gap in it is not nearly so good a ladder as it was before. Mentioning the proposed alteration in the Assembly it was surely wise to have noted the feeling of the Legislature with regard to it.

The University Scholarships. - To enable poor students to take advantage of the higher education offered by the University of Adelaide the Department of Education has hitherto been in the habit of awarding three University scholarships annually. The object in view was obviously an excellent one. In a democratic community where the Government contributes largely to the expense of maintaining a University system as an adjunct to its scheme of primary education it is eminently desirable that opportunities should be offered to even the poorest of students to attain, if talent is not lacking, the highest distinctions which academic studies can afford to offer. Bursaries and exhibitions are annually awarded in order that clever State school pupils may have a chance of proceeding with a secondary education in higher schools or colleges, and up to the present time there has been no link missing in the chain which connects, for the poor but promising pupil, the primary school with the most advanced lecture halls of the University. Last year, however, it was announced by the then Minister of Education that a scheme was under consideration for the abolition of the University scholarships and the extension of the system of evening classes. Later on, when the regulations were published, it took occasion to point out that the scholarships were in danger of lapsing owing to the entire absence of any regulations providing for the conditions upon which they should be annually awarded. It would now appear from the information communicated at yesterday's meeting of the University Senate that our fears were only too well grounded. The scholarships are not to be awarded next year, and any students who may have been studying with a view to competing for them will be deemed to be disappointed, an experience which will be rendered not at all less severe from the fact that the