There is a reflection of the spirit of the time and of the people in that aspect of University work to which we have referred. Even scholarship itself is turned, for the most part, into the narrow channel of material advantage. The University is very largely a manufacture of professional men, whose higher training has particular reference to their personal views of the 'main chance' in life. A young and energetic democracy, still in the struggling, money-making stage, the universal passion for physical well-being which De Tocqueville reproached in the people of the United States is strong among us, and makes even the University minister to its cravings. The more general pursuit of learning for its own sake, for the intellectual breadth which it confers, for the grace and beauty which it adds to life, must either wait for a time of less strenuous activity and greater leisure. In one aspect we may congratulate ourselves that the University is in line with the most advanced institutions of its class. It has completed over all the sentimental objections and deep-rooted academic prejudices which once stood in the way of the higher education of women. "Sweet girl-graduates" are among its ordinary products. Last year two "bachelors" of science were contributed to the community by the German sex. Just a touch of the medical students studying for degrees were ladies—that is, four in all. The male medical student, in the old country at any rate, has a rather unhealthy reputation for wiliness, but the presence of ladies in the classes he attends at North-terrace must tend to produce a sobering effect. One of the fair undergraduates shows herself by studying at the same time for two degrees—bachelor of medicine and bachelor of science. Contrary to what might be expected, science appears to exercise over the feminine mind a charm which the Arts courses lack. Only one of seven in the latter is a female student, but Miss Brickell distinguished herself in the second year by taking the John Howard Clark scholarship. No less than four of the eighteen undergraduates studying for the degree of B. Sc. are ladies. But music is the most fashionable study for women at the University. Seven of the eleven graduates who are devoted to the lectures of Professor Ivan are members of the fair sex. There are still those with an inexcusable prejudice against lady-doctors. The severest critic of the new developments of female education will hardly suggest, however, that music is unnecessary. "If wise men and prophets are not out," says Milton, "music, with its power over the disposition and manners to smooths and makes gentle from rustic hardness and dispossed passions." Of such influences men stand in infinitely greater need then woman, but the lady-musician may be able to exercise them more efficiently in her home if prepared by a University training to do something like music for her art.

Dr. F. W. Pannafather, professor of law at the Adelaide University, returned to South Australia by the steamer "Polynesia" on Thursday. The doctor received twelve months leave of absence from the University Council in order that he might attend to private business in England, and while he was away he was engaged, amongst other things, in revising "Murray's Hand-Book to New Zealand." He has spent nearly the whole of his leave in England and has returned in excellent health. During his stay in the old country Dr. Pannafather met Professor Lamb, formerly at the Adelaide University, at a gathering of professors held at Cambridge. He took the opportunity of noting all the recent developments in the University work in England, and while it is treated, proved of service here. This appeared to be a feeling in University circles that colonial appointments were not sufficiently secure, the impression gained on all the professors at the Adelaide University being quoted as an example. It is consequently a tendency among men of learning to avoid colonial offices. During his absence the doctor's duties have been performed by Mr. O. J. R. Murray, B.A., and Professor Pannafather will resume his position without delay.

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The Rev. Dr. Jefferson. On Friday afternoon the Secretary of the North Adelaide Congregational Church received a cable message from the Rev. James Jefferson, L.L.D., who is now pastor of the Belgrave Congregational Church, Torquay, Devonshire, intimating his acceptance of the invitation extended to him by the deacons to take charge of the North Adelaide Church. The message ran thus:—"Heartily accept offer of charge of the Congregational Church, North Adelaide. His name was well known in the Temperance Hall, North Adelaide, where his influence has been so large that it was necessary to provide a new appointment. The church was already large enough to contain the crowds of people who every Sunday were anxious to hear the new minister. According to the Church, which now stands in a commanding position in Brougham-place, was erected, and Mr. Jefferson, as he was, occupied the pulpit while he was in his first year, having officiated in Adelaide for eighteen years. While in this city he did good work as a lecturer and as a writer for the Press. He was actively associated with Uniting Colleges and Universities, and founded the University of Adelaide, and in some measure Sir W. W. Hughes's gift of £50,000 was accepted as a compliment to Dr. Jefferson, who suggested that this sum should not be used by the College, but to fit up the residence of a fund for the establishment of a University, a suggestion which is so well known was adopted. For some years the two missionaries laboured amongst the three of his pastoral duties being the Pitt-street Congregational Church. Ultimately he went back to England, where he has resided for the last few years. When the Rev. D. Hastings retired from the North Adelaide Congregational Church it was proposed to Dr. Jefferson to take charge of it again, and his answer, which we announce to-day, will be hailed with delight by those who appreciated his intellectual powers, eloquence, and geniality.

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TO THE EDITOR.
Sir,—I am glad to have Professor Pannafather's disclaimer. If, however, he has been misunderstood he has but himself to blame, as in his remarks to your interviewer he states, "that the insolvency of the colonies has been noticed, and that a combination has been formed to buy out colonial officials."

He now states that "it is a great New Zealand question." Had he said this at the interview I should not have troubled you or him.

I am, Sir, etc.,
J. JOHNSON.

THE CANBERRAN.