

## PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 20, 1893.

Present—The President (Mr. Main), and Messrs. Radcliffe, Hutton, White, Porter, Parker, and Young (Hon. Sec.).  
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Reading copies of letters sent. The same were approved.  
Letters received:—From Mr. F. M'Parlan, Henley-road, and Mr. P. Droyer, Goulburn. Read and discharged.

## COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

Mr. Young reported as follows:—

PHARMACY CLASSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY.  
PROGRESS REPORT, APRIL 6.

The Council will remember the details of the preliminary conversation I had with Mr. Hodge, the Registrar of the University. Since that time, and until now, I allowed matters to rest, for several reasons, but principally that I might mature my plans and carry the subject to a successful finish. This proved a wise course, for the seed then dropped became vitalised, and the next move was made by the University officers. I believe that the University officers desire this thing as much as we do; but, of course, subject to the University Council. I interviewed Professor Rennie, and I am convinced the Council would be pleased to modify a class to meet our requirements. A separate class is not possible, inasmuch as the University is open to all, and everybody who wishes to join classes, or seeks the shelter of the University, is as much privileged as any other body. On recommendation they adapt their teaching, as was the case with classes from the School of Mines.

The course is three terms, extending over a period of about nine months. Ordinary fee is 90s., but the School of Mines' students are taken on a one-third reduction, or £3 for the course of lectures and practical work.

This year, as an experiment only, four lectures per week—that is, two lectures and two practical nights—have been introduced. Professor Rennie said that no doubt the University would be glad to take the Society's specimen cases, but he could not speak definitely on this matter until he had communicated with Dr. Cleland.

Going outside the subject most interesting to the Society, I introduced one which was in the Board's province—that of examination in subjects upon which lectures were given. Apprenticeship and practical pharmacy have already been provided for, but theoretical and practical chemistry certificates, it seems to me, may be given to candidates as well by Professor Rennie as by any other examiner appointed by the Board. The Board has the power to appoint Professor Rennie examiner, and he, subject to the permission of the University Council, could hold examinations privately. This he does now for the School of Mines classes, so that if some arrangement were come to by the two councils whereby examinations could be held at the University in subjects, the questions in which were set by the officer there under the recognition of the Board, I think the end and aim of all our efforts will have been reached.

As business of this kind is submitted by the Council (of which Professor Rennie is a member) to the officers for report (in this instance Professor Rennie or Mr. Turner, his assistant), I have forwarded to the Registrar letters as follows:—

"Pharmaceutical Society of South Australia, Incorporated" Adelaide, April 10, 1893. C. R. Hodge, Esq., Registrar Adelaide University. Sir,—Will you kindly bring under the notice of the University Council the following proposal—an evening class for pharmaceutical students under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Society. My Council is desirous of having pharmacy education regularly conducted, for, though the Pharmacy Act requires the examination of chemists, it has no provision for their instruction. That such instruction may not be irregular or straggling, but, on the contrary, that the students may be authoritatively marshalled and schooled in a specific course, my Council proposes to recommend students to a pharmacy class at the University and pay the fees. My Council believes that special terms are made for such classes, and desires a similar concession. Should your Council favourably consider our proposal, I shall be pleased to confer with your officers to arrange particulars.—I am, &c., J. H. Young, Hon. Sec. Ph. Soc."

"April 10, 1893. C. R. Hodge, Esq. Dear Sir,—With reference to the enclosed letter to your Council, Professor Rennie is acquainted with the outlines of the subject, and will no doubt be able to go into particulars when it comes before the Council. I hope this will be the initiation of an organised course of pharmaceutical training.—I am, &c., J. H. Young."

Replied to as follows:—

"The University, Adelaide, April 18, 1893. Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 10th inst. asking that provision may be made for an evening class at the University for pharmaceutical students, under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Society, was considered by the education committee at their meeting on Friday last. In reply I am directed to inform you that the committee are willing to favourably consider your proposal providing that satisfactory arrangements can be made. The committee have authorised Professor Rennie to confer with your Council with the object of formulating some scheme for the consideration of the Council of the University.—Yours, &c., CHAS. B. HODGE, Registrar. J. H. Young, Esq., Hon. Sec., &c."

Mr. Young remarked that that was the point to which he had gone, and asked if the Council as a body would like to continue the negotiations, or were they content to let him proceed.

It was unanimously agreed to leave all further proceedings to Mr. Young, and a motion to that effect was carried.

The meeting then closed.