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PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 20, 1903.

Present—The President (Mr. Main), and Members, Raddie, Hatton, 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, Hexley-road, and Mr. P. Dreyer, Goulburn, Read and discharged.

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

Mr. Young reported as follows—

PHARMACY CLASS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

Professor Rennie has given us his promise to assist in the establishment of such a course.

The Council will remember the details of the preliminary conversation I had with Mr. Hodge, the Registrar of the University. Nine times out of ten, it is said, the Registrar is never to be disturbed. This proved a wise precaution for Mr. Hodge became vitiated, 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 our plans to meet our requirements. A separate class is not possible, as much as the University is open to all, and everybody who wishes to join classes, or seek the benefit of the instruction in pharmacy, 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 students in Mines, students are taken on a whole term at 25 for the course of lectures and practical work.

This year, as an experiment only, four lectures per week—three, in two lectures and a weekly lecture—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 Mr. Gleadow.

Going outside the subject most interesting to the Society, I introduced one which is interesting to the Board—of that examination in subjects upon which lectures were given. Apprenticeship and practical pharmacy have already been provided for, in the syllabus of the practical and practical pharmacy certificates, it seems to me, may be given to candidates as well as Professor Rennie. The examination is given for the Board. The Board has the power to appoint Professor Rennie, and, be subject to the permission of the University Council, he will be authorized to give the examination. He does now for the School of Mines, so that if some arrangement were come to by the two councils whereby examinations could be held at the University, 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 realized.

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 letter as follows—

"Pharmaceutical Society of South Australia, Incorporated," Adelaide, April 10, 1902. C. R. Hodge, Registrar Adelaide University, Sir,—Will you kindly bring under the notice of the University Council our proposal for an evening class for pharmacists under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Society. My Council is desirous of having pharmacists' examinations 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 not to the point, on the contrary, that the students may be authoritatively marshalled and schooled in a specific course, my Council proposes to recommend such a class to the University, and pay the fees. My Council believes that special terms are made for such students, and desires a course, and that it would be pleased to confer with your officers to arrange particulars. I am, &c., J. H. Young, Sec.

April 10, 1902. C. R. Hodge, Esq. Dear Sir,—With reference to the enclosed letter to your Council, Professor Rennie is acquired with all our objects in conjunction, and will do all to come into the Society's proposition. I hope this will be the commencement of an organised course of pharmaceutical tuition. I am, &c., J. H. Young.

Replied to as follows—

The University, Adelaide, April 18, 1903. Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 10th inst. asking that provision may be made for an evening class at the University for the pharmacists' students, under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Society, was considered by the education committee their meeting on Friday last. I am directed to say that the committee are willing to favourably consider your proposal, and that they hope the committee have the pleasure of this in conjunction with your Council with the object of formulating some scheme for the consideration of the University Council. I am, &c., C. R. Hodge, Registrar. J. H. Young, Esq., Hon. Sec., &c.

Mr. Young remarked that was the point to which he had gone, and if the Council as a body would like to have a course, 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.