PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Tercowie, July 26.

A large number of applications are being received daily by Mr. Sime, the District Clerk, from all parts of the colony for blocks, in connection with the proposal to cut up into smaller blocks the University lands in the Hambden Grownbee and Farmston. Some of the land is of the best in the districts, and satisfaction is expressed at the proposed subdivision of these lands. Over fifty applications have been received for farm holdings during the last few days.

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P H A R M A C E U T I C A L S O C I E T Y OF S O U T H A U S T R A L I A.

COUNCIL MEETING, JAN. 13, 1893.

Present:—The President (Mr. W. J. Main), and Messrs. Hudson, Radcliffe, Porter, Parker, White and Young (Hon. Secretary).

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Copies of letters sent read and approved.

Letters Received.—From the publisher of The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia asking to accept 50 copies of the new by-laws. Secretary to acknowledge.

From Messrs. Jackson, Raymond; W. H. Harris, Wallaroo; C. S. Keightley, Wallaroo; G. W. Reid, Berwick; W. T. Richardson, Broken Hill; J. S. Poyntz, Millicent, received, and discharged.

ECONOMICAL.

Following up this subject, the Hon. Secretary reported having taken preliminary steps, as would be seen by the short statement which he had prepared:

(a) I waited on Mr. Hodge, the Registrar of the University, in reference to the preparation of students of Pharmacy in subjects which, though required in a Board examination, cannot be acquired in a simple four years' apprenticeship in a pharmacy. The subjects I refer to are chemistry and practical chemistry. It is probable that in not one pharmacy in Adelaide are chemicals manufactured on the premises, and though there may be some pharmacies with such arrangements and methods to ensure a good technical training for students, analysis, or general use of reagents, for example, I do not think—certainly I have not heard—that an apprentice after a four years' term at any establishment in Adelaide could answer this first year's paper in inorganic chemistry to Professor Hodge's satisfaction. It is, of course, presuming that all the information has been acquired in the pharmacy. Now, as the Pharmaceutical Society was largely instrumental in the creation of the Board and in the new conditions under which pharmacy is practised, naturally enough that body does not wish to stop there, and in order that I might present the details of a subject only outlined in the January number of The Chemist and Druggist I have prepared these particulars, as it would be better for the students to take lectures under the Pharmaceutical Society. I respectfully urge that the Council and members should do all they can to encourage such a procedure by advising and assisting them to join the Society, which should be responsible for fees. For three lectures a week for a term of ten weeks, daily classes, the fee is £3 2s. per term. These day lectures are not convenient at present, the more convenient and decidedly cheaper evening classes are open on the following terms:—Two evening lectures and one evening practical course, for a term of ten weeks, three terms per year, £10 10s. for the course. It is £10 10s. per term practical work. Deposit fees to pay for apparatus required. The foregoing charges are to Individual students, but the Registrar thinks that the Council, with the approval of the faculty, would be inclined to deal with the Pharmaceutical Council on better terms. If the latter Council do not seek to make a profit on their sponsorship so much so as to the advantage of the student, the terms are agreed upon, I am convinced that a solution of this question (which has attracted the attention of the Council for some time past) becomes more apparent at every step.

"Another subject I wish to bring under your notice is that the specimens in our possession, now packed away in dark corners and old places, could more usefully be displayed in the museum in the University. They would be particularly valuable there, where they belong, in the opinion of Mr. Hodge. I mentioned this matter to Mr. Hodge, and asked him if the University Council would entertain a proposition by this Council to take them on loan. He thought the proposition would be very favourably received. In looking over the lecture room and laboratory I was struck with the completeness of the apparatus, and the thought occurred to me that there are more important things than a business understanding between the Adelaide University and the Pharmaceutical Board and Council.

After discussion, during which the action taken by the Secretary was favourably criticised, it was resolved on his recommendation to leave the matter in his hands, who, knowing the wishes of the Council, could now proceed and report at next meeting.

New Members.

Peake, Edward Robert, Narnacoota; Poyntz, James Stephen Millicent; and Keightley, Charles Stanford, Wallaroo.

Name to be Embraced.

Halsey, W. W., Adelaide.

Mr. Radcliffe kindly pleased specimen case in his possession at the disposal of the Council.

The thanks of the Council were tendered to Mr. Radcliffe.