

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

COUNCIL MEETING, JAN. 19, 1893.

Present:—The President (Mr. W. J. Main), and Messrs. Hutton, 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 Society to accept 500 copies of the new bye-laws. Secretary acknowledges.

From Messrs. Jackson, Kapunda; W. H. Harris, Wallaroo; O. S. Keightley, Wallaroo; G. W. Reid, Benmark; W. T. Richardson, Broken Hill; J. S. Poyntz, Millicent, read and discharged.

EDUCATIONAL.

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

"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 single 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 pharmacists with such arrangement and method as to insure a good technical training for students, analysis, or general use of reagents, for example, I do not think—certainly I have not heard—of an apprentice after a four years' term at any establishment in Adelaide could answer this first year's paper in inorganic chemistry to Professor Rennie's satisfaction. I am, 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 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 details of a subject only outlined in the January issue of *The Chemist and Druggist* I have prepared these particulars. As it would be better for the students to take lectures under the auspices of the 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 all fees. For three lectures a week for a term of ten weeks, day classes, the fee is £2 2s. per term. But as 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 work for term of ten weeks, three terms per year, £4 10s. for year's course, that is £1 10s. for year's lectures and 20s. per term practical work. Deposit fees to pay for breakages are required. The foregoing charges are for 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 more to the advantage of the students, but whatever 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 odd places, could more usefully be displayed in the museum in the University. They would be particularly valuable there, where there is plenty of room and a curator. 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 things necessary for conducting the practical examinations of the Board. With the addition of a few shillings' worth of material supplied by the Board, it seemed to me that a successful negotiation with the Pharmacy Board and Council would leave nothing to be desired. A remark from Mr. Hodge that existing facilities should be considered convinced me that there are more important things than a business understanding between the Adelaide University and the Pharmacy 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 to him, who, knowing the wishes of the Council, could now proceed and report at next meeting.

NEW MEMBERS.

Peake, Edward Robert, Narraetoo; Poyntz, James Stephen Millicent; and Keightley, Charles Stanton, Warooka.

NAME TO BE ERASED.

Hoare, W. W., Adelaide.
Mr. Radcliffe kindly placed specimen case in his possession at the disposal of the Council.

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

OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—To Mr. Charles B. Hodge, Registrar of the University, I am much obliged for his courteous expression with reference to the rent of dedicated land. My notice was the "South Australian Year-book, 1892" my error was in taking the whole of the dedicated land for educational purposes, which by the Colonial Year-book, 1891, I see amounts to 325,244 acres, and provision is made for setting apart 20,000 acres in future years, apart from the University dedicated land of 20,000 acres. Any one so considerate and favors the primary compulsory present education cannot for one moment begrudge the endowments to intermediate and higher education in the colleges and University. For instance, the bequest of Mr. DaCosta to St. Peter's, and the contributions of Sir Thomas Elder, Mr. W. W. Hughes, the Hon. J. H. Angus, and others, to the University. Would we possessed more public-spirited colonists of the same order.—I am, &c.

WM. S. BICKFORD.

The Chancellor of the University (Hon. S. J. Way) has received a communication from the Minister of Education stating that the Government had approved of the scheme for University scholarships submitted by the deputation that waited on the Minister on Friday last. Under the former system three scholarships were granted each year, each of the value of £50 per annum, tenable for three years, involving an expenditure of £450 per annum. Now, without increasing the expenditure, the Government will be able to grant three day scholarships of £35, £30, and £25 respectively, and six for evening classes of the annual value of £10.

Mrs. Davies Thomas has presented to the medical library of the University 120 volumes of medical works, forming part of the library of the late Dr. J. Davies Thomas. The Council of the University at a meeting held on Friday last passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Thomas for her gift.

Professor D. P. Kelly has applied to the Council of the University for leave of absence on account of ill-health, which has been granted from October 1 to the end of the year. The Rev. Canon Poole will act as professor of classics during Professor Kelly's absence.

GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY.—At a meeting of the University Council on Friday, July 28, a letter was read from Mrs. J. Davies Thomas, stating her intention of presenting to the Medical Library of the University about 120 volumes of medical works, the property of the late Dr. J. Davies Thomas. It was decided that the thanks of the Council should be given to Mrs. Thomas for this valuable addition to the University Library.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Terowie, July 25.

A large number of applications are being received daily by Mr. Sims, 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 Hundreds Gunbowrie and PARSONS. Some of the land is of the best in the district, and satisfaction is evidenced at the proposed subdivision of these lands. Over fifty applications have been received for farm holdings during the last few days.

The Advertiser 19.7.93

The Advertiser 20.7.93

The Advertiser 31.7.93

The Register 31.7.93

The Advertiser 26.7.93