

verse to the School, the mischief is done and cannot be undone. This is deeply to be regretted. There was no necessity for a Medical School in Adelaide. We cannot claim that we have more skilful professors of the various branches of the medical and surgical arts than Sydney or Melbourne has. In practice our new lecturers may be as good, but none know better than they that practice, if it makes perfect, does not necessarily make Professors. However, we must hope for the best. If there is to be a Medical School let us at least trust that it will do less mischief than is by many expected of it.

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THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.—At the meeting of the Senate, to be held on December 1, seven gentlemen will have to be elected members of the Council. The following have been nominated to fill the vacancies:—Sir Henry Ayers, Sir Samuel Davenport, Archdeacon Farr, Dr. Gardner, Mr. E. W. Hawker, Mr. C. W. L. Muecke, Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. J. Walter Smith, Dr. Stirling, Mr. W. Symon, Mr. C. Todd, Mr. von Treuer, and Dr. Way.

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## UNIVERSITY LAW EXAMINATIONS.

The following are the results of the November ordinary examinations in law:—

### THIRD YEAR.

Class III.—Frank Dixon Harris, Charles Edward Sewell, and Noel Augustine Webb.

### SECOND YEAR.

Class II.—William James Isbister.

Class III.—Anthony James Alexander Hall, Andrew Harriot Henning, Albert Edward Jones, Edgar Henry Limbert, and John Alired Northmore.

### FIRST YEAR.

Class II.—William Asbley Magarey.

Class III.—Richard Francis Dempsey and Eustace Giles.

### CERTIFICATES.

The following gentlemen are recommended for certificates:—

Law of Procedure.—James Taylor Mellor and Harry Braithwaite Taylor.

Law of Wrongs.—James Gordon Cavenagh, John Chipp Hamp, Francis Edward Knowles, James Taylor Mellor, Frederick Pelham Rowley, and Harry Braithwaite Taylor.

Law of Contracts.—Frank Hagger Downer, Charles Mann, and Harry Vandelwe Wigley.

Constitutional Law.—Frank Hagger Downer and ~~Arthur~~ Henry Hill.

Law of Property.—George Andrew Greer, Joshua Addison Hargrave, Edward Palmer Horn, Henry Abraham Longson, James Taylor Mellor, George Francis Michell, Joseph Charles Rowett, Spencer Toler Rowley, Horace Vernon Rounsevell, Ernest Morris Sabine, Arthur Stewart, William John Stockdale, ~~Frederick William~~ Warren, and Charles Joseph Harvey Wright.

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Thomas Hogarth

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## THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ELECTION

### TO THE EDITOR,

Sir—A friend has "called my attention" to the fact that I have seconded eleven candidates for seven vacancies. I have done so advisedly, because I consider that in seconding a candidate I am only giving him the right to go to the vote, not pledging my support. The whole system of having candidates seconded is contrary to the spirit of the ballot, since secrecy is violated, unless it is understood in this light. If it be it is meaningless and unnecessary; if not it is vicious, as opening a door to influence. In either case it is time it was abolished.

I am, Sir, &c.,

W. PEEL NESBITT, M.B.

22, North-terrace, November 24.

LAW EXAMINATIONS.—In the list published yesterday giving the results of the Law Examinations at the University it should have been stated that Mr. Henry Richard Hill passed in Constitutional Law (first year) and Mr. Thomas Hogarth Warren in the Law of Property (first year).

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THE [LAW SCHOOL.—The results of the Law Examinations, as published elsewhere, are very suggestive. For not one year of the course is any candidate placed in the first class; for one no candidate reached even the second class. How is this? Is it that the examinations are too stiff or that the quality of the budding lawyers is not all that could be wished for? The probability is rather in favour of the latter supposition, but we may unite the two in the expression of the hope that the University will do its utmost to secure a respectable reputation for its law degrees. In other circumstances the existence of the school might easily be damaging to the colony. If the examiners were overlenient we should be swamped with incapable lawyers having no work to do. The increase of this class—with all due respect to it—would not be an advantage. It is proverbial that oft the means to do ill-deeds makes ill-deeds done, and in the abundance of legal counsellors there is likely to arise needless and expensive litigation. A good many young men are attracted to the legal profession, influenced by the notion that it affords a lucrative return so far as regards particularly genteel work. The more lawyers there are, however, the worse for themselves, for the competition tends to reduce their individual incomes. From all that we can hear the Law School, which has made considerable noise in our little world, has not as yet been of very great service from an educational point of view. It has a large number of pupils, but it somehow or another does not seem as yet to have turned out many sound lawyers. In proportion to the number of undergraduates in laws the number of graduates in high classes is ridiculously small. Since the establishment of the school only one gentleman has passed out first class. Not only this, but during the same time only one other gentleman gained a first class in the ordinary term examinations. This argues a low standard of ability or else the minimum of application. The interests of the Law School are safe in the hands of Professor Phillips, whom the University is fortunate in possessing. He has evidently a large concern for the reputation of the University, and would

indeed be a valuable member of a professorial staff anywhere. It might perhaps be worth the while of the Council—always supposing that they do not propose to establish a School of Divinity or something else shortly—to

turn their attention for a time to the Law School. There must be some reason for the failure of the youth of South Australia to secure distinction in their study of the law. Perhaps a judicious admixture of arts and logic might be tried with advantage. It is not for outsiders to pretend to advise so erudite a body as the Council, but they will pardon the suggestion that it would be advisable, when they have quite finished appointing Professors, to take some additional measures for the improvement of the students in their largest school.

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