

## STAFF OF VARSITY JOURNAL RESIGNS

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—As a protest against the dismissal of two editors of the university journal "Farrago" the staff of the paper resigned today in a body.

The editors, A. W. Nichols and P. Shaw, were dismissed by the Professional Board following the publication of a recent leading article. As a result of the latest move by the staff of the journal a deadlock is threatened. Neither the former editors nor the staff will assist the students' representative council to provide the next issue, and unless suitable editors can be found "Farrago" will lapse for a period.

## EDITORS OF UNIVERSITY PAPER DEPOSED

### "Blasphemous And Disloyal Expressions"

MELBOURNE, March 20.

Following the publication in the Melbourne University Students' weekly newspaper, "Farrago," of a leading article to which public exception was taken because of what were described as its blasphemous and disloyal expressions, the editors of the paper have been deposed. The Professorial Board considered the offending article at its meeting today, and, after the meeting, the president of the board (Professor Agar) made the following statement:—

"The Professorial Board decided to notify the Students' Representative Council that its approval of the present editors of 'Farrago' is withdrawn, and that representatives of the board will meet representatives of the Students' Representative Council to discuss the future conduct of the newspaper."

Professor Agar said that, by the decision of the board, the editors would automatically be removed from office, as they were permitted to act only with the board's approval.

The article to which objection was taken was addressed to "Freshers," or new students. They were called upon by the editors to be "cynical and disillusioned." The editors added, "We mean more than a mere realisation of the fact that the average fresher is not a simple-souled, clean minded, fresh-faced public school boy. By your own experience you know him to be pimply of face and foul in thoughts and word, if not in deed."

The article also said:—"Your time spent here may be the only time in which you can intelligently enquire into the meanings of the vague unquestionables, the Holy Ghost, King and country, marriage, &c. After clearing away a large mass of ballyhoo and cant, you may be cynical and disillusioned."

## FROME ROAD EYESORE

### Proposal For Immediate Improvement

## UNSIGHTLY FENCE

The removal of the unsightly galvanised iron fence which for years obscured all sight of the Exhibition Oval and the University buildings from Frome road, has made an immense improvement to this delightful avenue. The University authorities have replaced the old fence by one which not only harmonises attractively with its surroundings, but has the additional merit of throwing open to view the greater part of the oval and the buildings beyond it, most noticeably the handsome Barr-Smith Library. To this welcome improvement have now been added the beautiful entrance gates which have been presented to the University by the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell).

Unfortunately, however, only the western side of Frome road has been affected by these alterations. The eastern side, which has always presented a most displeasing sight, now appears more displeasing than ever. The unrelieved ugliness of the galvanised iron fence which flanks all but a small part of the side of the road has been unpleasantly emphasised by the changed appearance of the other side, and it is regrettable that it should be allowed to remain to spoil what is indubitably one of the prettiest thoroughfares in the metropolitan area.

### Royal Visit

It has been suggested that the removal of this fence, which appears to be as unnecessary as it is unsightly, should be recommended to the Government as a beautification scheme that might be appropriately taken in hand in connection with the State's centenary celebrations in 1936. While, unquestionably, this suggestion has much to commend it, there would seem to be no good reason why its removal—which considering the dilapidated condition of the fence, cannot, in any event, be long postponed, should not be done at once. A suitable occasion presents itself in the forthcoming visit of his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. All that is immediately necessary to improve the general appearance of the road is the removal of the fence and the clearing up of the vacant land which it encloses. While it would also be desirable to erect a more suitable fence in its place, preferably one similar to that which now stands on the other side of the road, and to demolish the ungainly buildings which abut the hospital grounds, this would be work which could well be left until a later date.

### Old Exhibition Ground

When proposals for removing the fence have been mooted in the past, it has been sometimes stated in opposition to them that the fence, though admittedly an eyesore, at least hid something even more unprepossessing. This objection, however, can scarcely be sustained. It is true that the galvanised iron buildings at the northern end of the road, which are at present used by the Architect-in-Chief's Department as storage depots are better hidden from sight, but this cannot reasonably be said to apply to the vacant land at the southern end and opposite the Jubilee Oval. This land, which has been used for a variety of purposes, has been gradually, but not intentionally, it seems, converted into a playing area, and in the process has been cleared of much of the rubbish with which it used once to be littered. Moreover, at present, as an examination showed yesterday, the grass is coming on well, and, if given the opportunity, would doubtless make a very marked improvement in the whole appearance of this neglected corner of the city.

### Removal Of Fence

But even in its present condition it would make a more pleasant sight than the fence, which, with the liberal aid of props, stands between it and the road. If it were thought desirable to have a fence at all until the future of the ground has been decided upon—and many uses could be suggested for it, including the making of a properly-equipped playing oval for which it is eminently suitable, a single chain fence would probably suffice, or even an ordinary wire fence. Because of the expense involved, the problem of demolishing the ramshackle and ruined buildings which encumber part of the area, among them the old Agricultural School, requires more careful consideration, but an obvious first step is the removal of the fence. This unpleasant structure not only detracts from the appearance of the road with its pleasing avenue of plain trees; it also destroys the view of North terrace from the river bank near the entrance to the parklands. This is one of the most favored spots in the whole of the lake. It is a pity that it should be spoiled by a single