

The fees received from evening class students during the three terms amounted to £127 11s. 6d. The interest on endowment amounted to £85, and the expenditure £221 14s. 6d., of which sum £206 17s. was paid to lecturers and £14 17s. 6d. to the caretaker for extra attendance. From the above figures you will perceive that the expenditure exceeded the receipts by £9 3s. For the information of the committee of the S.A. Literary Societies' Union I may add that the subject of evening classes is now under the consideration of the council, and that it is proposed to extend the number of classes if possible by the addition of classes in French, German, and English literature, and perhaps in political economy. As soon as the council arrive at a decision on these points I shall again have the honor of communicating with you." The secretary was instructed to write to the different societies giving detailed information as to the evening classes at the University. It was mentioned that several gentlemen had guaranteed about £300 towards the object, and it was resolved that these gentlemen be written to requesting payment of their contributions in order to reduce the loss in conducting the classes. The publication of the year-book was agreed to, the conditions to be the same as last year. The prospectus for the next annual competition was considered, and it was agreed that it should include:—Essay, 3,000 words (not to be read), on a political subject; poem, not more than 100 lines, on "South Australia's Jubilee;" elocution, extempore speaking, musical composition, vocal selection, Latin prose composition of 500 words. The executive were authorised to obtain contributions towards the prize-money.

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THE UNIVERSITY EVENING CLASSES.—

Some time ago we ventured to express the opinion that the members of the Adelaide Young Men's Societies did not avail themselves of the advantages offered by the University evening classes so freely as they had led the public to expect. There is abundant ground for this opinion in the report made to the South Australian Literary Societies' Union by the Registrar of the University. From this it

appears that of 133 who enrolled when the classes were started 118 attended the lectures for the first term, only 71 for the second, and only 55 for the third. The system of evening classes owed its origin, as readers will remember, to the efforts of the Collegiate Masters' Association, supplemented by the promises

of support generally made by the Literary Societies. It was justly represented as a great evil that young men whose days were occupied in business pursuits were not offered an opportunity of devoting their evenings to the cultivation of the higher learning. This consideration, more than any other, weighed with those who supported the scheme, and it was made more convincing still when it was announced that many of the members of the Young Men's Societies had signified their desire to join the classes. Naturally, people are disappointed to find that the scheme bids fair to be a failure on account of the disinclination of the members of these Societies to join. The classes were mainly started for them and at their recommendation, and they are, therefore, in a certain sense responsible for their success as an educational factor. They certainly would be better employed in entering upon a regular course of study under qualified teachers than in offering prizes for poetry, manufacturing rhymes, and delivering impromptu speeches on any subject from A to Z. If we might offer a suggestion to the Literary Societies' Union it would be that the money now spent in procuring prizes for accomplished members should be devoted to founding one or more scholarships in connection with the evening classes. Thus, the writer of the prize poem might be given free education in English for two or three terms, and the best impromptu speaker might be encouraged to learn something to say. In this way the Union could prove their sympathy with the substantial improvement of their members.

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A meeting of the University Lawn Tennis Club was held on Friday in the University clubroom, Mr. W. Treleaven presiding. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Tucker, B.A. (treasurer), who is leaving the colony for Edinburgh shortly, for his past services in connection with the society. The action of the building committee in erecting during the recess a biological theatre on the tennis court was severely commented upon, and the following resolution was carried:—"That the secretary (Mr. Robin) be deputed to write to the University Council, praying them to form a new tennis court in lieu of the one now irretrievably ruined."

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THE FRUIT-PEST AT THE PORT.—Messrs. G. Goyder, jun., Analyst for the Government, and Frazer S. Crawford, accompanied by Mr. Mægraith, Customs officer, inspected on Wednesday Messrs. Rawlings's store at Port Adelaide, in which on the previous day nearly 200 cases of dried fruit had been discovered destroyed by an insect similar to the codlin moth. They decided to recommend that the place should be disinfected with lime. The insect is considered by Mr. Crawford to be closely allied to the codlin moth. Mr. Mægraith says that in any case he would have condemned the fruit in the store as unfit for human consumption in the state in which it was found.

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GOVERNMENT ANALYST

TO THE EDITOR

Sir—Having remarked that in the columns of to-day's Register Mr. Goyder, jun., is spoken of the Government Analyst, I, in common with others, am curious to know how his possession of that title is compatible with the appointment of Dr. Rennie as University Professor of Chemistry and Government Analyst? Is it that the Government analytical work is so extensive that two Government analysts are necessary? or has Dr. Rennie, who is, I believe, a Fellow of the Chemical Society and Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry, in addition to being a Doctor of Science, proved to be inferior in scientific attainments to the above-named gentleman? Or, again, is it explainable by the fact that Mr. Goyder is the *locum tenens* appointed by Dr. Rennie during his absence from the colony?

I am, Sir, &c., QUÆSTOR.

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THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

Each issue of the University Calendar gets a little more bulky than its predecessors, and of late years a marked improvement has been made in the arrangement of the matter. The volume for 1886, which has just been issued, contains several alterations which make it much more handy and convenient for use. The University Calendar is not a book of light reading which may be taken up to while away an odd half-hour. It is chiefly used as a book of reference, and the first essential of such a work is that the contents should be well classified, and the index so arranged that any subject can be found without loss of time. In this respect the Calendar for 1886 is very satisfactory, and to use a hackneyed phrase it compares very favourably with the Calendars issued by older Universities. The special improvements that