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## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—In March last three scholarships, each of the value of £50 per annum, and tenable for three years, were offered by the Education Department for competition, and were obtained by D. H. Hollidge, R. Duence, and C. Hayward (in order of merit), A. F. Joyce and R. B. Andrews (proxime accesserunt). The conditions upon which these scholarships are offered are that the owner shall study at the University and pass his annual B.A. or B.Sc. examination, otherwise he is disqualified, and consequently forfeits the scholarship. Mr. Hayward studied for one term at the University, and then left for England, thereby disqualifying himself; and according to all rules of competition the scholarship should then have been awarded to the next competitor. My son being that person I applied for it on his behalf, but to my astonishment some time after I read in the papers that the Minister of Education had informed the Council of the University that he was willing that the scholarship should be competed for again in whatever way they might decide. Hence an advertisement appears throwing it open to all comers. In the first place, I maintain that the scholarship, both morally and legally, belongs to my son. In the second place, presuming my son had no claim to it, it is then unfair to throw it open to all comers, but should be confined to the original competitors; and even in this there is an injustice. Of all the unsuccessful competitors I believe Mr. Andrews, who has since obtained a St. Peter's scholarship of the same value, is the only one who has been continuing the Arts' course, giving him a decided advantage over the others, whose occupations have since been of quite a different character. I believe in all such cases that the next competitor is legally entitled to the scholarship. If not, it seems to me to be most unfair to offer it again for competition under such conditions as frustrate the object for which these scholarships are offered.

I am, Sir, &c.,

JOHN F. JOYCE.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. TOMKINSON to ask on October 13—1. Has the Government given or sanctioned instructions to the Agent-General to assist in appointing a Professor of Mathematics to the University of Adelaide? 2. Has the Government any control over such appointment? 3. If so, will the Government endeavour to postpone the appointment of a Professor of Mathematics until more economical arrangements can be considered with regard to the duties and emoluments of the Professorial Board?

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## SUCCESSOR TO PROFESSOR LAMB.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—I believe the interests of the Adelaide University and an encouragement to native talent and industry would be promoted by seeking a successor to the above Professor amongst the distinguished graduates of the Australasian Universities as much as by importing one from England. I am certain a qualified native would have more influence in rendering our University more national than it is at present.

I am, Sir, &c., GRADUATE.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—While I sympathize with, and I think, understand, the feelings of your correspondent, Mr. J. F. Joyce, upon the subject of the University scholarships, yet I cannot say that I think that his position is, as a matter of argument, tenable. To state the facts shortly, the University in March last offered three scholarships for competition, and out of the candidates who offered themselves, selected three young men to be the holders of the scholarships. The University had then done all that it undertook to do, and no further claim could be made upon it. One of the scholarships soon fell vacant, and the University consequently has at its disposal, if it choose to dispose of it, a scholarship, but it is not in any way, either by its previous conduct or by the "rules of competition," bound to award the vacant scholarship at all. It kept faith with the public when it awarded the three scholarships in March last; it even did more than it was bound to do when it published the names of those candidates, who, while unsuccessful, came nearest to the successful candidates. Nor do I think it follows as a matter of course that either of the two candidates who *proximé accesserunt* beat the other; it might even fairly be inferred from their being bracketed together that they were equal. The advantage which Mr. Andrews has doubtless gained by continuing the Arts' course, which none of the other competitors have done, must be accepted as a piece of good fortune or prudent calculation on his part. It was just as open to any of the competitors to continue the Arts' course as it was to Mr. Andrews, and I presume that they did not do so because at the time they did not quite foresee the special advantage of doing so, or seeing it chose to forego it. It by no means follows that either of those who *proximé accesserunt* would, in the absence of the three scholars, have been elected to scholarships. I have known a prize offered by a University for which one candidate presented himself. According to your correspondent's views that candidate must have won the prize. Though he doubtless thought that he ought to have done so he is still sorrowing for the loss of that unawarded prize. For some years the class-lists in a particular subject at Oxford appeared with no names in the first class, until at last a second class in that subject came to be looked upon as all that could be gained. The only object which the University has in view in offering scholarships at all is to attract as good scholars as possible, and this object is certainly better secured by an "open" contest than by a "close" competition such as that suggested by your correspondent.

correspondent, who wishes to make the competitors of March last the only eligible candidates for the forthcoming examination. Mr. Joyce cannot but look upon it as hard that Mr. Hayward, by contending for a scholarship which he held for a month or two only, should, in all probability, have deprived his son of a scholarship which he would have held for three years, but I fear that it is just one of those "hard cases" for which there is no remedy.

I am, Sir, &c.,

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LITERARY SOCIETIES' UNION.**—From the second annual report of this institution we quote the following:—

“In presenting the annual report on the operations of the Union for the past year the Executive Committee can still tell of progress, though, from a financial standpoint, not quite so marked as during the preceding year. Nevertheless, your executive believe a good work is being done in strengthening and stimulating the associated Societies. At the beginning of its second year the Union comprised 23 Societies. During the past year 9 Societies have joined; two having ceased to exist they can no longer be reckoned as in the Union, thus making 29 as the number of Societies now associated. On October 1

1883, the number of members on the rolls of the 21 united Societies was 1,081 and 256 lady associates, with an average attendance of 425, and having 6,130 volumes in their libraries. On October 1, 1884, the numbers were 1,335 members on the rolls of 29 Societies, and 325 lady associates, the average attendance being 587, and the united libraries containing 7,566 volumes. Evening Classes

Endowment Fund.—One of the resolutions passed at a meeting held as to this matter requested the committee of the Union to collect funds to provide for the carrying on of the classes. Acting on this your executive issued a circular asking for donations; copies were forwarded to such of our leading wealthy colonists as it was thought would give the desired help. We regret that our anticipations were not realized, and that instead of being able to report the receipt of promises covering the amount wanted, namely, £5,000, we can only announce having promises to the extent of £241 16s., made up as follows:—Mr. T. G. Waterhouse, £100; Hon. J. Colton, M.P., £25; Hon. G. C. Hawker, M.P., £25; Messrs. F. Chapple, £25; G. & R. Wills & Co., £25; C. Wilcox, £10 10s.; Goode, Durrant, Tite, and Co., £5 5s.; the Misses Tilly (paid), £1 1s. His Excellency the Governor expressed his willingness to subscribe £25 when the sum of £1,500 was raised by £25 donations. Besides the names above mentioned His Honor the Chief Justice and the Bishop of Adelaide have expressed their willingness to assist the movement without mentioning any definite amount. Your executive have not yet given up all hope of getting the £5,000, or a large portion of it, and have now appointed a sub-committee to wait upon those gentlemen who did not reply to the circulars issued; but this committee has not yet been able to do anything in the matter. It should be mentioned that Sir Thomas Elder, on the day succeeding that on

which the meeting was held, very generously forwarded a cheque for £1,000 to the Chancellor of the University. For this act of liberality the Union must feel under a debt of gratitude, and could only wish that others of our wealthy colonists would follow his example. Your executive need only add that they have every confidence in the good being accomplished by the Union, that it has within its scope a power for greater good still, and that wisely directed its operations will conduce to the increase of knowledge among the young men of our colony, who will in their turn have to take the places of those who are now guiding and moulding the destiny of our Australian Empire—a destiny the scope of which it is impossible to estimate, and which will be only great in so far as those whomake it are imbued with the great principles of honesty and integrity of purpose, and live lives of virtue and unselfishness. Let this be the aim of all the members of our associated Societies, and they shall not be without their place in the history of our nation when in years to come it shall be written by some one of our children's children."

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**LITERARY SOCIETIES' UNION.**—In their second annual report the Executive of the South Australian Literary Societies' Union have to congratulate the members on the score of numerical increase. The arithmetical problem of adding 23 to 9 and subtracting 2 appears to have been too much for the Executive, but we may hope that a diligent attendance at the mathematical evening classes will render a