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THE proceedings of the Senate of the University at the meeting held yesterday terminated in a fiasco. The senatorial body was called together to consider a motion by Dr. Smith for the appointment of a committee to draft a Bill to repeal the University Act and make other provision in lieu thereof. Only two speeches were contributed—that of the mover and that of the seconder, Mr. Sutherland. The meeting was so little disposed to enter into a discussion of the subject that as soon as those gentlemen had delivered their orations it was resolved that the motion should be put at once, and it was put accordingly. On a division being taken, it was found that nine were in favor of the motion, while 36 voted against it. The reason assigned for dispensing with a debate was that "time was precious." As the meeting immediately afterwards decided to take no action in the direction indicated, it is to be presumed that senators desired to avoid a waste of time in considering a proposal predestined to defeat. Under the circumstances Dr. Smith and his friends must feel exceedingly chagrined. The suspicion naturally occurs that the motion was rejected, rather on account of the nature of its advocacy and the position of its advocates in relation to the dispute with the Council, than from a conviction that fresh University legislation is unnecessary, or that if it is needed the Senate ought to have no voice concerning it. It is generally recognised that the Act requires to be amended. And whenever the task of amendment is undertaken it would be both proper and desirable that the Senate should give expression to its views. Senators will hardly care to be silent when changes in the constitution of the University are definitely suggested. But they have, as we think wisely, declined the generous offer of Dr. Smith and his little body of supporters to act as the mouthpiece of the Senate. Both Dr. Smith and Mr. Sutherland protested against the notion that at this moment a deadlock exists between the Senate and the Council. The Council, they say, has not overstepped its powers as an executive, though it has followed a wrong course; and the Senate, on its side, has not exceeded its right of remonstrance with the governing body. It is merely a matter of strained relations. The controversy has, however, brought into prominence the desirableness of introducing amending legislation, and the explanation of yesterday's proceedings is, of course, the fact that Dr. Smith and his friends are anxious, for their own purposes, to be the first in the field. The way in which they would amend the University Act is not the way in which the public will have it amended. They propose that, as at present, the Senate should be free to elect to the Council in addition to graduates, as few outsiders as it pleases, or none at all; and that the power should be given to the Senate of initiating legislation. The public, on the other hand, will insist that something besides the purely academical element shall be represented in the governing body of the people's University, and that, to that end, either the Senate shall be required to elect a certain proportion of outsiders, or that the Government shall be authorised to nominate some of the members without reference to the Senate. The senatorial clique aims at further exclusiveness, while the public interest demands that the popular basis of the University shall be secured by additional safeguards. We are glad that the majority of the Senate have refused to play into the hands of the party of which Dr. Smith is the guiding spirit. The offer of the services of a committee, the constitution of which was cut and dried beforehand by the gentlemen interested, has been promptly declined without even the conventional vote of thanks.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

PRELIMINARY.

The results of the preliminary examination lately held in connection with the Adelaide University were announced on Thursday. No less than 341 candidates presented themselves, and 133 passed. The following list gives the names of the successful scholars:—

Prince Alfred College—W. J. Angas, J. A. Ballantyne, L. Birks, F. P. Boundy, V. L. Bowen, W. H. Butler, J. E. Claffey, M. Claxton, C. H. Cotton, S. L. Dawkins, W. P. Goldsworthy, H. Grigg, W. Grundy, G. A. Hancock, W. Hawke, G. McIntyre Hunter, W. J. A. James, P. J. A. Lawrence, T. W. Lloyd, A. N. Mellor, E. G. Mitton, L. H. Muecke, E. D. O'Donnell, A. E. Peters, A. F. Salter, M. B. Saunders, J. S. Scott, G. Searle, T. G. Searle, A. A. Simpson, W. G. Tucker, C. Vaughan, F. C. Waddy, and T. R. Wilkinson.

Advanced School for Girls—Constance M. Benham, Marian Chapple, Florence E. Cooke, Violet DeMole, Mary P. Dungey, E. Furne, Louise E. Heuzenroeder, Ellen W. Hunter, Margaret J. McKenzie, Elsie H. Main, Ethel A. Mitton, and Dora F. Williams.

St. Peter's College—J. Ayers, H. S. Bayly, E. W. Benham, E. W. F. Beythien, H. A. Martin, J. C. Moulden, H. S. Newland, E. Sabine, F. Sewell, F. C. Stocknell, E. J. S. Stuckey, and F. L. Stuckey.

Whinham College—W. M. Anderson, E. B. Bednall, J. H. Johnson, J. P. O'Connell, F. W. Oelmann, H. J. Oelmann, W. E. Pratt, F. Prince, B. Whittington, and E. Whittington.

Norwood Public School—C. Angell, W. G. Bell, J. R. Blaikie, G. F. O. Burgoyne, Jessie R. Clarke, W. J. Fisher, K. Gunn, J. A. Hughes, J. Mitchell, and F. R. Whitham.

Christian Brothers' College—E. Gunther, P. T. Kelly, J. F. McNamara, W. F. Ryder, and J. C. F. Slane.

Ladies' Collegiate School, Semaphore—Ethel M. Ashwin, Ethel M. Ferguson, and Lizzie A. Lamb.

Adelaide Collegiate School—R. Beeton, W. H. Learman, W. Murray, H. Solomon, L. Stuckey, and J. Thow.

Port Adelaide State School—E. H. Adams, P. G. W. Bayly, J. S. Tilman, P. Hains, and Ida J. Wright.

Glenelg Grammar School—K. de Le Cadmore, A. P. Goode, A. G. M. Henderson, and H. Kither.

Hardwicke College—Rachel M. Gillert, Maude E. Newman, Olive G. Newman, and Ada Pitt.

Dominican Convent—Lily Birmingham, Mary E. Condon, Catherine L. Kelly, and Rose A. McManus.

Semaphore Collegiate School—J. B. Bishop and H. B. Harvey.

Unley Park School—Myra J. Fiveash and Sarah M. Hannam.

Misses McMinns' School—Florence E. Davy and Bessie F. Goodchild.

Adelaide High School—Margaret A. Mains

Miss Aldersey's School—Elizabeth L. Aldersey.

Rev. W. Hopkins' School—E. J. W. Ashton.

Miss Sanner's School—Florence Ingham.

Miss Martin's School—Alice A. Townsend.

Mrs. Hubbe's School—Albertina W. Kugelmann.

Miss Adamson's School—Bessie A. Birks.

Miss Vivian's School—Elsie E. Birks.

Miss Kay's School—Winifred E. Harvey.

Mr. Logie's tuition—L. W. Lohrmann.

Private tuition—F. J. W. Richardson, and Annie M. P. Whittell, E. L. Borthwick, J. F. Bruer, D. Kirkman, Beatrice B. Lloyd, and W. E. Wainwright.

*From account of City Council's meeting
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HEALTH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Drain from Police Stable at the Rear of the Local Court.—Further complaints having been made as to the filthy liquid flowing from this drain into the watertable, committee instructed the town clerk to again write to the Commissioner of Crown Lands calling his attention to the matter.

Students' Room, Adelaide University.—Mr. W. Hopkins wrote complaining of the insufficient means of ventilation in one of the rooms used by the students in the Adelaide University. As the officer of health forwarded a report to the effect that there were no substantial grounds for the complaint, committee directed that Mr. Hopkins's letter be simply received.