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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Many years have elapsed since the question propounded above was first asked, and there is room for argument on the point whether Professor Darnley Naylor was treading on the Shakspearean ground sacred to the touch of a distinguished colleague when he placed the problem before the gentlemen assembled at the University dinner on Saturday night. He put the blame on his Greek training, but that is only an ex parte statement. It may account for but cannot justify the liberties he took with the English language. "In our University," he said, "we are wonderfully fortunate in our names. There is an old proverb that where there's a will there's a lawyer. But we can say truly in our University that where there's a will there's a Way, and, further, if there is anything to be done for the good of the University we know that where there's a Way there's a will. (Laughter.) We are fortunate in the very name of the Vice-Chancellor. Our ideals are high, and he and we Bar-low ideals. (Cries of 'Oh.') There is much in a name. (Laughter.) What I say of the officers is equally applicable to the staff. We have every right to Bragg of our staff, for we have Stirling stuff in it." The professor, while thoroughly believing that every other member of the staff deserved perpetuation in that way, let them off; why he did not explain. He went on, however, to say that there were many "points" about his own name. "It is a great thing," he continued, "when we have Governments supporting education. Take the case of Victoria, for instance. The finances of the Melbourne University were in a crooked condition, but Mr. Bent came along and made them straight, and Mr. Bent is a pearl beyond Price." The roar of laughter which followed this sally was joined in heartily by the Premier. Without so much as the ghost of a smile on his countenance Professor Naylor naively added—"You realize now how much there is in a name."

there was a lawyer, and in the Adelaide law courts they might truthfully echo the proverb that "Where there's a will there's a Way." They might also say, when anything energetic had to be done in connection with the Adelaide University that "Where there's a Way there's a will." They were also fortunate in the name of their Vice-Chancellor, for their ideals being high, they did "Bar-low" ideals. They had also every right to Bragg of the Stirling men on the staff, and there were "points" about his (the speaker's) name. To glance for a moment at the case of Victoria, it was noteworthy that the finances of the Melbourne University, which had been very crooked, were put straight by "Mr. Bent," who was a pearl beyond "Price." Professor Darnley Naylor's verbal ingenuity, coming as it did after an erudite deliverance by Mr. Theodore Fink, had the charm of contrast, and the company was quite willing to be amused. Another playful interlude happened during Mr. Caterer's speech. Mr. Caterer explained that the Premier, being in doubts as to its precise composition, had consulted him as to the definition of an item which appeared on the menu as "farina conservatorum more cocta," which being interpreted is "a pudding cooked after the manner of the Conservatives." Mr. Caterer was pointing out that he was anxious as to whether the dish would meet with the Premier's approval, when Mr. Price interjected, "I tried the pudding and found it soft." The readiness of the remark was heartily enjoyed, and Mr. Caterer admitted that, as he was not a "hard-shelled politician," he found it difficult to find an answer.

THE UNIVERSITY DINNER.

The University dinner at the South Australian Hotel on Saturday evening was a great success. Mr. T. A. Caterer (the secretary) organised the arrangements with his usual thoroughness and the cooks rose to the occasion, with the result that the repast was excellent. The menu-card, as Mr. Fink observed, added to the pleasures of the table the pleasures of imagination, for the document was couched entirely in Latin, and not a few of the diners found themselves attacking dishes bearing strange and unfamiliar names. The toast list was commendably brief, and the company was further relieved to find that one or two of the speakers were in light-some mood. Among these was Professor Darnley Naylor, who, in responding to the toast of "Almae matri," perpetrated a number of puns. He said it might be a result of his Greek training, but he had always felt a peculiar sensation of regard for the mystery of names, and in connection with the University of Adelaide there were some wonderfully suggestive names. There was an old saying that ~~where there was a will~~

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CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY.

At the University dinner on Saturday night the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow) moved the following resolution—"The University, regretting that it has not enjoyed the opportunity of welcoming to its annual dinner this evening its Canadian friends, heartily congratulates them on their splendid victory to-day, and on the generous spirit in which they won it. They have joined hands and beaten us well. Hurrah! Hurrah! hurrah! for Canada." Dr. Barlow mentioned that the Canadians would have attended the dinner had they not had a prior engagement. The motion having been seconded by Mr. C. Jessop (president of the University Sports Association) and carried with acclamation, it was forwarded to the Canadians at their social.

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THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.

The question has been asked whether there is a likelihood of the music required for the various grades of the examinations in connection with the Universities of Melbourne and Adelaide being published in cheap book form; and some comment has been occasioned by the apparently increased cost entailed by the purchase of two or three books instead of one. In order to reassure teachers and students a statement has been issued from the Conservatorium, which states:—1. The ordinary expenditure on music by a student in the course of a year's work, apart from preparation for examination, might be fairly set down at the minimum of 10/. 2. The works prescribed by the syllabus of the two Universities include music such as every student should have, whether he enter for examination or not—essentially standard musical literature. 3. Many of the works are published in cheap editions in complete collections—such as Beethoven's Sonatas, Bach's Inventions, &c.; and in some cases such collections (as, for example, those just mentioned) are available for more than one grade of examination in the same year. 4. In every probability these collections—as well as others of a standard character—will be drawn upon year by year. 5. The policy of making a wide and comprehensive syllabus is one which has been carefully weighed in the interests of students, and it is considered that the publication of the bare requirements for each grade, in separate book form, would not encourage one of the principal educational objects of the examination scheme of the two Universities. The last day of entry is August 8.