

in view of the financial condition of The School Mr. Andrew Robertson be invited to undertake the duties without any fixed salary other than an Honorarium equivalent to the amount of Term fees received from students attending the class.

A progress report on the Biology and Pharmacy Classes by Dr. Gutheril was read and his request for a slight alteration to the window in the strong room to be complied with.

A comparative statement of the cost of treating ores by the chlorination and amalgamation processes was received from Mr. Watts.

Copy of a communication relative to the proposed remission of fees to students not attending University lectures received from the Chancellor of the University by the Hon. the Minister of Public Instruction and forwarded for Mr. Vale's information was submitted for consideration by the Council.

His Lordship the Bishop read the following Resolution which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Vale seconded by Mr. Dunn:—

"That in the opinion of this Council, the Chancellor's letter to the Minister of Education (defending the present arrangement of University Fees) forwarded to Mr. Vale, M.P., by the Minister, and brought by that gentleman before this Council, is altogether inconclusive, for the following reasons:—
 "The Chancellor's statement that "up to this time the arrangement has answered exceedingly well... and those who cannot attend lectures have, so far as the [University,] Council is aware, not felt the payment of the Fees to be a grievance," is irreconcilable with the fact that, at a meeting of the University Council last July, when the Chancellor presided, a large Deputation attended by appointment, to bring under its notice the strong sense of grievance entertained by our students in regard to the present system.—The arguments,

"that the Denominational Colleges (adjoining the University) are prevented from substituting their own lectures for those of the University, solely by the present system of exacting payment for the latter whether attended or not, and that, if it were relaxed, the students would be scattered, — common University life impossible, — the Teachers distributed in isolated groups beyond the control of the University authorities, — and the qualifications held necessary for University teaching no longer secured, fall entirely to the ground as regards the application made on behalf of our students. — For we act for reduction only in behalf of students attending, and paying for, lectures given by Teachers expressly approved as competent by the University authorities, at a duly affiliated college situated (unlike the Denominational Colleges) out of reach of Melbourne lectures. — The argument that the financial loss involved in a change would cripple the University is equally invalid. — That loss is estimated by the Chancellor at £1000 per annum. — But nothing approaching that amount is involved. — No exemption is asked from a proper Examination Fee: and the loss incurred in charging this only, and not Melbourne lecture fees as well, to candidates from the Ballarat School would be small, though a great relief to the Students. — It seems obvious that the financial necessities of the University, while they may be a valid argument against reduction of the University Vote, utterly fail to justify the charging of Ballarat students twice over for their lectures."

Copy of the foregoing Resolution to be forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Public Instruction with the request that it be passed on to the University authorities.

An application for sick leave received from Mr. Lecturer Dawson was granted.

A memorandum from Professor Smith referring to results of the recent examinations in Assaying was remitted to the Education Committee for further inquiry.