

THE UNIVERSITY AND A MEDICAL SCHOOL.—We ventured to hope, when reviewing the progress made by the Adelaide University during last year, that some other of our wealthy colonists would come forward with a donation to supplement Sir Thomas Elder's munificent gift of £10,000 for the endowment of a Medical School in connection with the University. This expectation has been fully realized by the handsome present of £6,000 made by Mr. J. Howard Angas for the purpose of endowing a Chair of Chemistry. With £16,000 and the Government subsidy upon it we may soon expect to find a Medical School in full working order in our midst. The peculiar difficulty and cause of expense in the foundation of a Medical School is the fact that European Universities do not recognise any student as having passed his years of study unless he can produce certificates from the individual Professors of all branches in the science that he has passed in each division. Thus, one Professor of Medicine could not certify that a student had fulfilled his course of study; the Professor of Anatomy, the Professor of Analytical Chemistry, and so on must each give a certificate. Now, it is manifest, that to establish chairs for Professors who are competent to give instruction in each of the component branches of the medical science would demand a large sum of money if they were to extend their lectures over the term of years necessary for the completion of a medical course. The best way to meet this difficulty seems to be the establishment of chairs for the delivery of lectures on such subjects as are generally included in the first two years of the course. By this means, always supposing that the School is recognised in Great Britain, Adelaide students will be spared great expense during a part of their course, and on their arrival in England will be placed on the same footing with those who have completed the first two years of their course in a British school. Pending the maturing of any such design as this, the Council of the University will no doubt avail themselves immediately of the sum so generously placed at their disposal by Mr. J. Howard Angas for endowing a Chair of Chemistry. This Professor would form one of the staff in the Medical School, and meanwhile would be of great service to the public, and might undertake such analytical work as is required by the Government. Mr. Angas has laid the University Council and the public under great obligation by this further proof of the interest which he takes in the work of the University, and his example will, we trust, be followed by others of our wealthy colonists.

ANOTHER DONATION TO THE UNIVERSITY.—Mr. J. H. Angas, who has already founded an engineering scholarship of the annual value of £200 in the University, has signified his intention of endowing a Chair of Chemistry. For this purpose Mr. Angas is prepared to give the sum of £6,000, and to pay an annual sum of £350 until he pays over the capital sum. A letter to this effect from Mr. J. H. Angas was read by the Chancellor at a special meeting of the Council held on Friday, May 9. The Council resolved to accept the gift, and authorized the Chancellor to write and thank Mr. Angas for his continued munificence to the University.

BUST OF BISHOP SHORT.—It will be within the recollection of our readers that at the time of the final departure of the late Bishop Short from this colony a shilling subscription was set on foot for the purpose of raising a memorial of the respect in which he was held by all classes and denominations of the community. It was decided that the memorial should take the form of a bust to be placed in the University, of which institution the Bishop was then Chancellor. The execution was entrusted to the late Mr. Marshall Wood, and after his death to his son. The bust has now been completed, and arrived in Adelaide by the last P. & O. steamer. It has just been put in position on the first landing of the staircase in the entrance hall of the University, where it is now open to public inspection. The bust, which is of a size considerably larger than life, is an excellent likeness of the late Bishop, and is sculptured out of a block of pure Carrara marble. Unfortunately before it left home one of the folds of the robe was slightly chipped, otherwise it has arrived as sound and as fresh as when it left the sculptor's studio. The pedestal on which the bust stands is a handsome column of red Aberdeen granite, and is the result of a special collection made by the Agent-General, Sir Arthur Blyth, K.C.M.G., among South Australians in England.

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Sir Thomas Elder's munificent gift of £10,000 for the endowment of a Medical School in connection with the Adelaide University has been followed by the almost equally handsome present of £6,000 made by Mr. J. H. Angas, J.P., for the purpose of endowing a Chair of Chemistry. As the Government subsidize all donations to the extent of 5 per cent., this £16,000 represents an annual contribution from the State of £800; and as the investment of the £16,000 represents another £800 to £1,000 a year, we may ere long expect to find a Medical School in full working order in our midst. As a beginning we hope no delay will occur in the appointment of a Professor of Analytical Chemistry, and until the other Professors of the various branches of the medical science can be appointed probably arrangements can be made to secure lectures from gentlemen who, although qualified to occupy, would not

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accept any of the Chairs. In this way, no doubt, students might get through their first two years of the course in the colony, which will shorten their absence from their native home by that term, and considerably reduce their expenses. There can be no question that the establishment of schools for the professions will do much to popularize the University; it makes the institution practically useful, and this is always regarded as the test of the value of a thing by the general public. Mr. Angas is therefore to be congratulated upon this second gift he has made to the University. His first gift, an engineering scholarship of £200 a year, will prove to be of great practical utility in a colony where engineering knowledge and skill are bound to be of immense service to the colony for many years to come.