

University, has thus caused little or no inconvenience, and although it may appear that but scant courtesy was shown by the Melbourne University to a sister institution in electing Mr. Morris without his being announced as a candidate, it is not much to be wondered at that, having been allowed the opportunity of withdrawing his application to the Council of the Adelaide institution, Mr. Morris should have elected to remain in Victoria. The gentleman who will shortly assume the Hughes Professorship has highly distinguished himself at the Dublin University, and having had previous experience in professional work should prove a valuable addition to the teaching staff of the University here. Lectures on English Literature and Philosophy are capable of being made perhaps the most interesting that can be delivered at a University. They appeal directly to the largest number of students, and are most suitable as a means of encouraging a taste for varied and profitable reading. It has been a marked disadvantage to the University that so much uncertainty has prevailed regarding the tenancy of some of its most important offices. Now that this uncertainty is at an end we may hope that the institution will proceed with accelerated vigour upon its useful career.

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THE Council of the University of Adelaide transacted some important business at their meeting on Friday. They came at last to the decision that it was desirable that the question of the chancellorship should be settled, and a source of possible contention in the future thus removed. The first chancellor, it will be remembered, was the late Sir Richard Davies Hanson, Chief Justice, and on his decease Bishop Short was appointed his successor. The bishop was of course not chosen on account of his ecclesiastical position, for that would have been contrary to the principles on which the University was founded, and the wishes of those who had had the greatest share in its establishment. Dr. Short, however, had been nearly thirty years in the colony, had identified himself particularly with educational movements, was a man of eminent scholastic attainments, and moreover was held in universal esteem by all sections of the community: so that his appointment received general approval. When, in consequence of his approaching departure from the colony, he tendered his resignation, the council out of respect to his lordship did not accept it, but allowed him to hold the position, though living on the other side of the world. It was felt, however, by many friends of the University that this state of things should not be allowed to last too long. For sometime past the opinion has been expressed that enough had been done in the way of compliment to Bishop Short, deserving as he was of exceptional tributes of esteem, and that the welfare of the institution affected should be considered. This view of the matter was strengthened when it became bruited about that probably an effort would be made to have Bishop Kennion appointed to the vacant post. Such a step would have provoked strong resistance, as being an attempt to make the chancellorship a mere appanage of the Anglican bishopric. We do not say that such a design was seriously contemplated by any section of the council, and there can be little doubt that under all the circumstances Bishop Kennion would have declined the honor had it been offered to him, but it is well that all disquietude on the subject has now been set at rest. It would be absurd to say that the present Chief Justice, who has been elected to the office, possesses all the qualifications that so eminently fitted Dr. Short for the chancellorship, but he has filled the position of vice-chancellor and performed the duties of the higher office for some time, to the satisfaction of those who have been associated with him, and certainly his heart has been in the work. His official and social position would also have due weight, and doubtless the council did not come to a decision without proper regard to the claims of all who might be considered eligible for the office and to the interests of the University. At the same meeting the council made their selection of a successor to the late Mr. Davidson in the professorship of English language and literature and of mental and moral philosophy. Mr. Boulger, upon whom the choice has fallen, is a man of distinguished academical attainments, and will be a great acquisition to the University and Adelaide. His appointment will take effect from the 1st July next.