the office shall continue and run on, and be terminable only on December 31 in any year (not earlier than the term of appointment) by six months’ notice on either side.” And this rule is to apply to chairs already filled for quinquennial terms. Under this system, in the event of a first appointment to any vacant chair the council will still be in a position to grant such a fixity of tenure as is necessary to attract a desirable candidate. And there is nothing to complain of in the prospect then placed before the occupant. Professor Boulger regards the rule entirely as it presents itself to his view, and translates it as equivalent to a sword of dismissal constantly impending, a thing not calculated to enliven the professorial banquet. As disinterested critics we venture to suggest that it is at least open to translation in a less objectionable sense. The effect of the rule, we take it, is—that a professor having held the chair for the fixed stated period of his original appointment, remains in office unless and until the council considers it to the interests of the University that his tenure of office should cease, in which case he will receive six months’ notice. And the council go further, and that in the interests of its professors. By the letter of the registrar it is only on December 31 that the office can be voided, and the notice must be given not later than the preceding June. Consequently if not given then the professor, who may feel uneasy in his seat, is safe for 18 months at least. We observe by reference to the statutes, as set out in the calendar, that the council already has the power at its discretion to dismiss or suspend a professor for sufficient cause, dismissal requiring the visitors’ confirmation.
The university, lately established, is a new
and a very considerable one. It seems to
have been founded with great care and judg-
manship, and to be well calculated for the
promotion of learning and literature. I shall,
therefore, as a matter of course, attend it,
and I hope to find it a place of instruction
and improvement.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

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