THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

PROPOSED ENGINEERING DEGREE.

The Education Commission had at its meeting on Thursday morning, under the chairmanship of Professor T. Ryan, M.P. (chairman), Hon. A. H. Pote, M.P., E. S. M. Leggo, M.P., A. H. W. Hooper, M.P., and Mr. T. Green, M.P.,

The Chancellor of the University (Sir Charles Henry) said that there was a proposal to amend the University Act in the Parliament of Victoria, and when the Bill was going through the House he would be able to introduce the University to confer engineering degrees.

Dr. Green, the Chancellor of the University, had been lecturing for 40 years, and Professor Chapman had been lecturing and conducting the school for 15 years. The Chancellor thought that if the degree there were 50 graduates qualified to take it. The course was of a high standard, and if there was a chair of engineering to be established, the University should have the right to confer the degree. At present, this power was not exercised, though the courses were taught at Sydney University in Sydney.

The Chancellor considered that the establishment of engineering schools was very important, and the question of the training of the professional man was of the utmost importance.

The members of the Education Commission held a session at Parliament House on Thursday morning, and discussed the proposal to amend the University Act to include a degree in engineering. The Chancellor of the University, Sir Charles Henry, stated that the proposal was under consideration. He said that the University had been teaching engineering for a considerable number of years, and that the proposal was to be made in consultation with the Board of Studies.

The Chancellor also mentioned the importance of the training of engineers, and expressed the hope that the proposal would be carried through. He said that the University was very interested in the matter, and that the proposal would be submitted to the University Council for consideration.

WOMEN LAWYERS.

The Attorney-General in the Assembly on Thursday morning deprecated attempts to inspire women with the profession of the law. He said:—"Women, it is true, would make a welcome addition to the legal profession, but they should not be allowed to enter it in any way that might interfere with the training of candidates for the bar. It is not the place of a lawyer to become a lawyer for the sake of sentiment. The Supreme Court, as well as the courts of the State, must be the arbiter of the law.

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The Attorney-General also spoke of the importance of the training of lawyers, and said that he hoped that the proposal would be carried through.

NEW GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.

The Treasurer (Hon. G. Vaughan) remarked on Tuesday morning that the appointment of a new Government Geologist would be submitted to the University authorities for advice. It was hoped that the proposal would be carried through early next week. "There is a splendid lot of men for the post," said the Treasurer, "and I am certain that the position will be filled by the best possible candidate." When the new officer is selected we hope to have a proper geological survey of South Australia made. Geologists will be equipped for that purpose, and the State will have a view of having a collection."