UNIVERSITY FOR THE WEST.

ADVISEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION.

PERTH, February 2.

A notification appears in this week's Government Gazette to the effect that the following have been appointed as a royal commission to inquire into and report whether the time is opportune for the establishment of a university in the State:


In the event of the commission deciding in favour of the establishment of a university, the Commissioners are charged to enquire into the following matters:

(a) The advantages and disadvantages of the establishment of such a university; (b) the qualifications and facilities of such a university; (c) the course of study to be undertaken; (d) the fees to be charged to students; (e) the best financial arrangements and the most suitable arrangement with regard thereto; (f) the cost of initial expenditure; (g) the initial expenditure; (h) the estimated revenue; and (i) the general position of such an institution as may seem fit in connection with the constitution and establishment of a university.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

The calendar of the University of Adelaide for the year 1909 was issued yesterday, and as usual is contained full particulars concerning the work of the last twelve months, as well as the syllabus of work for the current year. The report of the number of undergraduates last year was 391, while there were 267 non-grading students. These 37 were engaged in the law course, 13 in the medical course, 158 in the arts course, 72 in the scientific course, 67 in the arts course, 7 were studying for the degree of Bachelor of Music. The number of students attending the Elder Conservatorium of Music is 188. The importance of the various public examinations to the University was proved by the fact that 1,006 candidates entered for the primary, 984 for the junior, 556 for the senior, and 162 for the higher public. In the first-named examination one half got through, in the junior more than half failed; and in the senior less than a third obtained certificates. To fill the very vacancies created by the resignations of Professors Beck and Dr. McCrae, the council have made the following appointments: for 1908–9 series of professors in the department of physics and mathematics, Mr. E. C. Grant, M.B. (Melbourne) and Mr. R. H. L. Proux, B.S., lecturing on electrical engineering, Mr. L. H. Leovy, B.S., and P. F. Poyntz, B.S. Professor Beaz has been ap pointed to represent the University at the commencement in June next, as a Centenary of Charles Darwin's birth, and the fortieth anniversary of the publication of "The Origin of Species," while Dr. Symons has been appointed to represent the University at the sixtieth International Medical Congress at Bath-Poole in August and September next. The grand children of the late Sir Henry Ayers, who died many years ago a treasurer of the University and a member of the council, have decided, with the full approval of the council, to erect within the walls a tablet in his memory. In return for certain privileges in connection with the use of the university library, which contains 20,000 volumes, the South Australian boroughs of the British Medical Association have agreed to subscribe £50 annually for the purchase of suitable medical books and periodicals, which shall become the property of the University.