UNIVERSITY EVENING CLASSES.

Students taking practical chemistry are requested to attend at the University on March 29, at 7:30 p.m., in order that the necessary arrangements may be made in preparing the time table.

The Council of the University of Adelaide has approved the award of the Elder scholarships for 1907 as under:—Miss H. Bourne, Miss Ottillie Ulindell; violin, Miss Bertha Jones.

The results of the University examination for the degree of Bachelor of Laws, March 29, 1907, are as follows, the names being in order of merit:—Property, Part I.—None passed. Property, Part II.—Third Class—Charles Norman Mackenzie and John H. H. Baylon. Davison. Constitutional Law.—Second Class—Larnell Phillips. Law of Wrongs.—Third Class—Vincent de Paul Gillon. Evidence and Procedure.—Third Class—Evin Baxter Cox and Vincent de Paul Gillon. Latin.—None passed.

Nominations were received on Saturday for the vacancies that have arisen in the University council through the death of Dr. Paton. Three gentlemen were nominated:—Prosper of Adelaide (Dr. Thomas), the Director of Education (Mr. W. R. Williams), and Mr. J. D. Anderson. The Bishop having asked that his name be withdrawn, only two candidates remain. The election will take place on March 27.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

An attempt should be made to secure a course of University extension lectures in Broken Hill for the coming winter. Spasmodic efforts in this direction have been made from time to time; but, unfortunately, nothing has resulted from them. If we in Broken Hill are to be included in a University extension system it must, of course, be in one that has Adelaide as its centre. Our own State University is so far removed from us that, with the very best will in the world, it is powerless to help us in this matter. If we are to receive University help in our attempts at intellectual improvement and development the help must come from Adelaide.

The authorities of the University of Adelaide understand that they have been and are to be somewhat diffident about sending to Broken Hill with their extension movement, fearing that to do so would be to offer an affront to, or at least to wound the amour propre of, the Sydney University. But in entertaining such scruples they are, we are quite sure, doing a grave injustice to both the intelligence and the enthusiasm for education of the State University. It is unquestionable that men of the calibre of those who have the Sydney University in charge should adopt a do-in-the-manger policy and, being themselves unable to serve us with extension lectures, object to that most desirable service being rendered by a University that, because of its comparative proximity to this city, is capable of rendering it, and rendering it at a minimum of cost and trouble.

It may be taken for granted that if we are able to conclude arrangements with the Adelaide University for a series of extension lectures next year the Sydney University authorities will not stand in the way, and will, in fact, be more than pleased that we should be able to do in the cause of the higher education and culture a sister institution is able and willing to do.

Those of our citizens who attach value, as we know very many of them do, to the higher education should not be content to depend on the premises of the University for arrangements for a course of University extension lectures for next winter. If we are to have the lectures next winter no time must be lost in arranging for them. It is now the middle of February, and if the course is to be anything like a comprehensive one the first lecture should be fixed for a date certainly not later than the last week in March. Those interested in the matter should meet at once, a canvass of the city for subscriptions should be instituted, and if the result of this should warrant it a definite application for a lecture, or lectures, should be made to the Registrar of the Adelaide University for Mr. Hodge, who would bring it under the notice of his council, and he may, we believe, be relied upon to do all in his power to have it granted.

It is unnecessary to urge the education value of these extension lectures, which are to-day part of the University system of every country. They bring the University to those who, from one cause or another, are unable to go to the University, and they make it possible for almost every man ambitious of doing so to improve himself, to expand his mind, to gain larger knowledge and deeper insight. The University will give us a choice of subjects and of lecturers. Science, art, history, philosophy, literature—all of these are included in the courses of lectures for which it makes provision. Broken Hill should be in fact, be equal to two courses of lectures, one dealing with literature and another with either history or natural science. But the question as to what departments of knowledge the lectures shall deal with is one for determination later on. What we have to do now—and we must if we are to achieve our object—do it without delay—is to take the preliminary steps to secure a course of University, lectures for this coming winter.

CHAIR OF ENGINEERING.

At the meeting of the council of the University of Adelaide on Friday it was decided to establish a Chair of Engineering, and to appoint Mr. R. W. Chapman, M.A., B.C. E., professor thereof. The engineering school, which was established many years ago, has made such marked progress that the council decided that it was only proper that it should be placed under the rule of a professor. In view of the fact that Mr. Chapman has been associated with the former institution for 10 years, to the dignity of professor. Not only has he shown in his work, but also in his attitude, that he materially enhances the status of the branch of instruction at the University, but he will also improve the standards of the students, a matter of considerable importance. Prior to being appointed professor in 1900, Mr. Chapman was lecturer in mathematics and physics.

In a meeting of the council of the University of Adelaide, held on Friday last, it was decided to establish a chair of engineering. Mr. R. W. Chapman, M.A., B.C. E., was appointed the first occupant of the chair. The new professor has been in the training of mathematics at the University for many years, and is connected with that institution for nearly 20 years, and during that time he has done work which cannot be overestimated by any student, who has passed through his hands, and who has been in various parts of the world. The chair has been created partly in consequence of the great advance in the popularity of the engineering classes at the University, and it has been conducted partly, by agreement, between the University and the School of Mines.