THE SCIENCE CONGRESS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GATHERING.

Melbourne, December 21.

An extensive programme has been drawn up for the annual congress of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science, which will take place at the University of Melbourne from Tuesday, January 7, to Tuesday, January 14.

It embraces no fewer than 13 sections, each of which will have separate arrangements in the way of lectures, workshops, and exhibitions. On the average about ten papers will be read in each section by competent and experienced persons, and at about 10 per cent. of these, reports will be submitted by secretaries of committees which have been carrying out investigations on various scientific features of Australia, old and new.

Some valuable advice is expected from the committee appointed to aid the work of establishing an observatory in Australia devoted to the study of tidal physics, and the research committee that has been investigating the meteorological phenomena in Australia is also likely to prove one of the most interesting features of the proceedings. The structural features and the local geological phenomena, the question of climate and the alkaline rocks of Australia, the biological conditions of the New Zealand coast, and the distribution of Ashes and their occurrence, are all subjects on which papers are to be read as well.

In the field of agriculture, economics, meteorology, physics, chemistry, pharmacy, geology, and botany, the programme will be carried on by the sections of botany, anthropology, archaeology, and social and statistical science, engineering, and sanitary science and hygiene, together with special lectures on veterinary science.

A NEW K.C.

Mr. E. E. Clanden Appointed.

Mr. E. E. Clanden, L.L.B., was at the Executive Council meeting on Thursday appointed to be one of His Majesty’s counsel in ordinary. That is the formal manner in which the Executive announced that a solicitor has been made a K.C.

—New Regulations.—

At Thursday’s meeting of the Executive Council the following new regulations in reference to King’s Counsel were approved:

No practising solicitor of the Supreme Court shall be appointed His Majesty’s Counsel except on the recommendation of the Chief Justice to the Governor in Executive Council. On the appointment of any new solicitor as His Majesty’s Counsel a fee of five guineas for the patient shall be paid by such counsel at the office of the Chief Secretary. No appointment of solicitors shall be made unless the Court is satisfied that the capacity and experience of the applicant are suitable for the position of solicitor. A solicitor shall be deemed to have the same qualifications as a practising solicitor of the Supreme Court who has been appointed to the office of the Chief Secretary.

Newly appointed solicitors shall be deemed to have the same qualifications as solicitors of the Supreme Court who have been appointed to the office of the Chief Secretary.

PETH UNIVERSITY.

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HOME RULE.

AN ADELAIDE PROFESSORS OBSERVATIONS.

Fremantle, January 7.

An interesting address to the Royal Society of South Australia, by Professor Darby, may be returned to Adelaide by Professor Darby, who has been appointed to a chair in the Royal Society of South Australia. After speaking of many prominent politicians, he said that, according to the views of many of the public in England, the people would be extremely glad to see the question of Home Rule in England decided. It would be the duty of the people of Ireland to be governed by their own elected representatives, and Lord Carnarvon would have to consider the views of the English people as well. Professor Darby expressed the hope that the English people would not be concerned, and that they would be interested in the subject.