THE CHAIR OF BOTANY.

A PROFESSOR APPOINTED.

The University Council have appointed Mr. T. G. B. Osborn, M.Sc., lecturer on economic botany in the University of Manchester, to the professorship of botany, vegetable pathology, and parasitology in the University of Adelaide. He will enter upon his duties in Adelaide on September 1.

Professor Osborn will be required to undertake investigations in connection with the diseases of plants; to act as consulting botanist and vegetable pathologist to the South Australian Government; to give instruction in systematic, physiological, and economic botany and parasitology in the University; and to act as curator of the herbarium and be responsible for the organization and management of the botanical department of the University generally.

Mr. Osborn was born on October 2, 1887, and graduated B.Sc. in the University of Manchester in 1908. He won first-class honors in the School of botany, was awarded a graduate scholarship in botany, and the Dalton natural history prize. In 1911 he proceeded to the degree of M.Sc. After his graduation (in 1909) he spent a term in the laboratory of Professor V. H. Blackman at the University of Leeds, working under the guidance of cytological and morphological methods. He acted as demonstrator to the elementary botany class in 1908, and was appointed lecturer in botany in the University of Manchester in 1908, and senior lecturer in 1910. He has organized and conducted classes in economic (pharmaceutical), botany, economic mycology, and agricultural botany. He has not only lectured on these subjects but has given evening courses of lectures and practical work in general botany at the University and is accustomed to delivering popular lectures in both general and applied botany. Mr. Osborn has had experience at Manchester in 1911 in the construction and equipment of a modern botanical school, and has carried out investigations of private firms on the milder of silk and diseases of the potato, in addition to which he has been accustomed to deal with enquiries relating to economic botany which have been addressed to his department.

Since 1907 Mr. Osborn has represented the Victoria University on the board of governors of the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Newport, and has been in touch with the Holme Chapel College of Agriculture. He has four years' service in the Manchester University Volunteer Company and the 11-years Training Company. His application for the professorship at the Adelaide University were excellent testimonials from Professor F. P. Weiss, Harrison, professor of botany, Victoria University, Manchester; Professor W. H. Lang, Barker of cryptogamic botany, Victoria University, Manchester, and Professor S. J. Hinks, Bayer, professor of zoology, Victoria University, Manchester. He also forwarded private letters from Professors Lane, Bragg, and G. Elliot Smith to Professor Rennie and Professor Stirling.