THE NEW PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH.

DR. WILLIAM MITCHELL APPOINTED.

The Council of the University of Adelaide on Friday came to a decision with respect to the vacant Hughes Professorship of English Literature, and formed a report to the effect that, after careful consideration of the numerous applications received, Dr. William Mitchell, M.A., D.Sc., was chosen. The appointment, judging from Dr. Mitchell's previous achievements, should be highly satisfactory. He had a most distinguished career at Oxford University, where he graduated in the classes of logic and philosophy, and he gained the Gray prize essay of £20 for an essay on "A Critical History of Materialism in the Nineteenth Century." After graduation, he was awarded the Van den Dungen scholarship of £50 in moral philosophy, and the Rectorial scholarship of £12 in moral philosophy. In 1877, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science in the Department of Philosophy. In addition to taking the usual arts classes he studied after graduation in the classes of mathematics and the sciences, and he is considered a student of modern psychology. He also took the class of political economy, which was taught by Dr. Web, and in that capacity he lectured twice a week. In the summer sessions he conducted tutorial classes on his own account. During the winter session he lectured on logic for the Association for Promoting the Education of Women as substitute for Professor Campbell Fraser. In 1872, Dr. Mitchell was appointed Examiner in Philosophy at Edinburgh University for a term of three years, and on the rearrangement of the Arts curriculum by the University Commission he was appointed Examiner in English, both for degrees and for the new preliminary examinations. He was also appointed to represent English on behalf of the Franco-Germanic Union on the new joint board of the Scottish Universities for the last two years. He has been lecturer on education in University College, London, and has been given two of the May Lectures in Education on the theory of education for the last four years. He was also appointed to the local examinations board of the Edinburgh University, and for the last six years an examiner in the department of English.

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