

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.—

Several matters of interest were brought before the University Council at its sitting this day week. It is to be regretted that the Registrar is so over-worked that he is unable to supply the reports of proceedings until so long an interval has elapsed, and it is surely worthy the consideration of the Council whether clerical assistance should not be allowed him. The late Minister of Education informed the University that the Government could not recommend any grant in aid of the salary to be paid to the new Professor of Chemistry, nor could they guarantee that he would be permitted to enjoy the title and perform the duties of Public Analyst. The University authorities have decided very wisely that the question of appointing him to the position in question shall be brought under the notice of the new Government, and they have displayed equal wisdom in letting the proposal for a special grant in computation of his salary to fall to the ground. There are cases in which the services of a public analyst of metals would be of the greatest value. At the same time it would, of course, be highly objectionable that a University Professor should be allowed to enter into competition with private enterprise in matters not exclusively public. Doubtless the Government, now that no question of additional salary is to be raised, will see the force of the Council's representations, and act accordingly. The Statute concerning the Professorship of Music as passed by the Council merely provides for the tenure of the Chair for five years. Nothing is said as to the qualification of the occupant, nor is provision made against his taking private practice. We presume, however, that these points are dealt with in the particular chapter of the general Statutes referred to in the report. To prevent the possibility of personation at preliminary examinations for medical students the Council orders that each application for admission to the junior and matriculation examinations should be accompanied by a certificate as to identity from a duly qualified person. As yet there have not been, so far as we are aware, any cases of personation in connection with the Adelaide University; but one can quite understand that such cases might arise when persons residing in Adelaide are allowed to compete at an examination in London. The new regulation will only press heavily upon those, if any, who wish to defraud their examiners, since all others can easily procure the required certificate. But the most important part of the Council's proceedings is the report of the Medical School Committee. This committee recommends that there be two sessions in the medical year, the first lasting from March to August, and the second from September to December. In the first or long session 300 lectures are to be delivered on anatomy, physiology, and chemistry; and in the short session fifty lectures are to be given on botany and thirty-six on Materia Medica. Practical teaching is to be secured by an arrangement with the Hospital authorities, and this, from the position of the two institutions, will be beneficial to both. With regard to the financial arrangements of the University, the Council have been put to great trouble in deciding how to deal with the Wirreanda lands. They propose to offer some 6,000 or 7,000 acres on lease to one purchaser for a term of from twenty-five to fifty years. This may be wise policy, but it is to be presumed that care will be taken to provide for revaluations at stated intervals.

extempore speeches on Friday next week.

A report by Professor Boulger on the French afternoon and evening classes in connection with the Adelaide University was brought up at the last meeting of the University Council. It appears that a course of evening lectures in elementary French was commenced on June 25 last, and a course of afternoon lectures on French literature two days later. Only three students availed themselves of the former, and of these one has discontinued attendance for the last five lectures. The afternoon lectures have been attended by nine students, who have made satisfactory progress. It has been decided to continue the latter term, but to discontinue the evening lectures.

A meeting of the Market Gardeners' and Salesmen's Association was held at the East End Market on Saturday morning, August 30. There was a large attendance, and the

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**THE ANATOMY BILL.**—The University Council and Senate have made provision for the establishment of a Medical School, to be maintained by the proceeds of Sir Thomas Elder's and Mr. J. H. Angas's donations, and it now becomes necessary for the Legislature to legally authorize the practising of anatomy within the colony. The Bill which the Minister of Justice brought forward in the Legislative Council on Tuesday is, as he explained, in the main a copy of an English Act which has been found to work well. The subject is a rather unsavoury one, and one upon which many people entertain strong prejudices. Yet it is certain that without an Anatomy Act the training of medical men in South Australia would be an utter impossibility. The laws which are in force on this subject in other parts of the British dominion proceed upon the principle of giving to every individual power to make provision for the disposal of his body after death, or according to his relations' authority to say what shall be done with it. If any relative objects to the examination of a body it must be interred without dissection. But where the dead person has left instructions in writing permitting the dissection of his body, or his or her relatives make no objection or are not to be found, the corpse may be subjected to anatomy. Of course there are provisions enacting that anatomy shall only be practised in duly authorized schools, under the efficient inspection of an officer, who shall furnish quarterly reports, and in a decent and orderly manner. The bodies which have been submitted to dissection must in all cases be placed in a coffin before and after the process, and must be buried in the cemetery in the same way as other bodies. The medical professors or students are in no case allowed to remove a corpse until twelve hours after death, or before it has