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**THE NEW CHANCELLOR OF THE  
UNIVERSITY.**

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Your editorial anent the vacancy in the office of chancellor in the University of Adelaide, in your issue of Saturday last, was very seasonable and judicious. The feeling to which you gave expression is widely spread. It is unaccountable why on the departure of Bishop Short from the colony the office should not have been declared vacant, and an election immediately have taken place. It is not possible, so far as any information has yet been given to the public, not to be possessed by the suspicion that it has been the desire of a predominating party to elect the new bishop to the office, and to hold it if possible always in connection with the Church of England. What other conclusion could the public draw? Do we expect any other gentleman from home who would be entitled and qualified for the office within any definite period whom to choose? Is not the gentleman who acts so very efficiently and satisfactorily as vice-chancellor, and who has all along taken such deep interest in the affairs of the University, a fit and proper person to elect? True, he is not a graduate of any University—neither was Chief Justice Hanson; but, as every one knows, he is an active, intelligent, and an ever ready man of business, and interested in and well versed in all matters connected with education, and he has had already considerable experience in the duties of the chancellorship; and I am quite sure that most of those who wish well to and desire the prosperity of our University believe that from his past and present services he is fully entitled to the honor, and that he would discharge the duties of the chancellorship in a way that would lead the public generally to take a deeper interest in the University than they have yet done. To choose Bishop Kennion would be a mistake of the most disastrous results. You have yourself put the matter in the clearest light, for which many members of the senate will warmly thank you.—I am, &c.,

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## THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

In judging of the character and the progress of the University of Adelaide, it is difficult, if not impossible, to institute any comparisons between it and the older Universities of England. Even the modern University of London has little in common with any of our colonial institutions. Oxford and Cambridge consist of an assemblage of colleges, each under separate management. The teaching is given in these colleges, while the academic degree is granted by the University. In London there is no teaching. Formerly a candidate had to belong to one or other of a long list of colleges scattered over Britain, but now even that requirement is done away with. The Council of the University of London asks nothing of the person who wishes for a degree except that he have the requisite amount of learning and will pass the prescribed examination. In our University, as is the case in Melbourne and Sydney, the two departments of academic work are united. The teaching and the graduating go hand in hand. Exemption is granted to those who cannot attend lectures, but they are required to pass the same examinations as those who have the benefit of professional tuition.

There is one University in England which does, however, bear a very strong resemblance to our own. We refer to the newly formed University which is established in Manchester, and which bears the name of our Queen, instead of a geographical title like nearly all other similar institutions. Some months ago we called attention to the circumstances under which it was founded, and it is gratifying to notice that it is prospering. The first conferring of degrees took place in the Manchester Town Hall in November last, and was a unique and interesting ceremony. The University is too young to have any students of its own; but by adopting the same liberal principle that obtains here of granting degrees of similar value to graduates of other Universities it has enrolled a good number of graduates, among whom are some names of acknowledged renown and world-wide celebrity. The University, it will be remembered, has arisen out of Owens College, and it is in the early history of that College that so much resemblance exists between this last development of the academic spirit in England and the infant Universities in the colonies. Manchester, like Melbourne or

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