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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 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. He 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 at mycological and cytological methods. He acted as student demonstrator to the elementary botany class in 1906, and was appointed lecturer in economic botany in the University of Manchester in 1908, and senior lecturer in 1910. He has organized and conducted classes in economic (pharmaceutical) botany, economic micology, and agricultural bacteriology, also an evening course 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 had experience at Manchester in 1911 in the construction and equipment of a modern botanical school, and has carried out investigations for private firms on the mildew 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 1908 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 Holmes Chapel College of Agriculture. He had four years' service in the Manchester University Volunteer Company and the Officers' Training Corps. Accompanying his application for the professorship at the Adelaide University were excellent testimonials from Professor F. E. Weiss, Harrison, professor of botany, Victoria University, Manchester; Professor W. H. Lang, Barker professor of cryptogamic botany, Victoria University, Manchester; and Professor S. J. Hickson, Beyer professor of zoology, Victoria University, Manchester. He also forwarded private letters from Professors Lamb, Bragg, and G. Elliot Smith to Professor Rennie and Professor Stirling.

Mr. T. G. B. Osborn, M.Sc., lecturer on economic botany in the University of Manchester, England, has been appointed to the professorship of botany, vegetable pathology, and parasitology in the University of Adelaide. The professor 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 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. At the age of 21 years he graduated as a B.Sc. of the University of Manchester, and gained first-class honours in botany. After having spent a term in the laboratory of Professor V. H. Blackman at Leeds University, Mr. Osborn acted as senior lecturer in economic botany in the University of Manchester, and has since given many instructional and popular lectures in both general and applied botany. He has had experience at Manchester in the construction and equipment of a modern botanical school, and has made investigations for private firms on the mildew of silk and diseases of the potato. Mr. Osborn has also been accustomed to deal with enquiries relating to economic botany. For four years he has interested himself in military matters, and has been connected with the Manchester University Volunteer Company and the Officers' Training Corps. Valuable original papers on a number of subjects have been written by the new professor. Among the subjects he has treated are:—"The dowels of some Egyptian coffins of the twelfth dynasty," "Amylon radicans and its mycorrhiza," "A note on the staminal mechanism of *passiflora caerulea*," "The scab disease of potatoes," "A preliminary note of the life history of *Spongospora subterranea*," "*Spongospora subterranea*," and "The life cycle and affinities of the plasmodiophoraceae."