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### UNIVERSITY SENATE.

A meeting of the University senate was held at that institution on Wednesday afternoon, and the Warden (Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc.) presided. One of the resolutions carried was to repeal Chapter I. of the statutes allowed on December 18, 1888, to ensure that the Chancellor should hold office for five years. At present, it was considered, the language employed was ambiguous, and only provided for occupation of the office for four years. The present Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) was elected for the seventh time on January 26, 1912. A re-arrangement of the course of the honors degree of bachelor of arts was decided on, and another subject was added to the present compulsory subjects for candidates in classics. Candidates in mathematics must also pass in English literature or a foreign language, ancient or modern, in addition to the present subjects. A new clause in the regulations of the B.Sc. degree was adopted, providing a special course of forestry comprising chemistry, geology, forest botany, forest entomology, surveying and drawing, and forestry. It was also provided that students in the B.Sc. course might do a portion of their work at either of the institutions affiliated with the University, namely, the Roseworthy Agricultural College or the Perth Technical School.

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### —Elder Scholarship Winner.—

Miss Erica Chaplin, aged 13, and a pupil of Mr. H. H. Davies, has won the Elder Scholarship for violin playing, tenable for three years at the Elder Conservatorium. This little lady has had rather an exceptional career. Her first lessons were given by Miss Sylvia Whittington, of Glenelg, but at the age of eight her parents placed her under the guidance of Mr. Davies, with whom she has remained ever since. When nine years old, at the Ballarat competitions, she entered for violin playing for candidates under 12 and 14. In each case she took the gold medal, and the judge, in commenting upon her playing, remarked:—"Very nice phrasing indeed, clear tone, notes sustained proper length, most excellent performances." In 1910 at the Chamber of Manufactures Exhibition, Adelaide, an honourable mention and certificate were won for violin playing for candidates under 18, and second place for under 14. At the Unley competitions in June, 1911, the highest marks were recorded in her favour for the whole of the violin section, and she secured the gold medal for those under 16. Her youth prevented her from appearing in the open section. The adjudicator (Herr Carl Sauer) said:—"An exceptionally artistic rendering, full of musical temperament, refinement, and good taste." In 1908 the lower division of the school examinations of the Associated Board was passed by Miss Erica with distinction, and in 1911 the advanced grade of the local centre was successfully negotiated. Among Miss Chaplin's public performances perhaps the most successful were in the Town Hall at the Adelaide Glee Club's subscription concerts, notably in December, 1910, when she played the andante from the "E. minor concerto" of Mendelssohn with orchestral accompaniment (orchestra under her teacher, Mr. Davies). For this she was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. For her scholarship examination she presented to the examiners Wieniawski's "Polonaise in A," the andante from the Mendelssohn concerto, and two studies of Kreutzer.

—How Chaminade Composes.—

## THE VACANT JUDGESHIP.

### MR. G. J. R. MURRAY APPOINTED.

### TO JOIN THE BENCH IN MAY.

The Premier (Hon. A. H. Peake) said on Tuesday afternoon that the lamented death of Mr. Justice Homburg had created a vacancy on the Supreme Court bench. The Government had offered the position to Mr. G. J. R. Murray, K.C., of the firm of Messrs. Murray, Hayward, and Magarey, and he had accepted the offer. Mr. Murray had asked to be excused from taking up his duties for about a month, so that he might be enabled to wind up his business affairs and arrange for others in the profession to undertake the work in which he was engaged. To that request the Government had acceded.

It is expected that Mr. Justice Murray will take his place on the bench early in May. The appointment was dealt with in Cabinet yesterday, and it will probably be confirmed by the Executive Council tomorrow.

The salary is £1,700 per annum, as provided by statute.

In September last Mr. Murray was offered an appointment to the Supreme Court Bench as acting-judge when Mr. Justice Gordon was given six months' leave of absence from the State to enable him to take the position of chairman of the Sugar Commission. Mr. Justice Gordon is still engaged with the Sugar Commission, and his work on the bench has been done during his absence by Mr. Acting-Judge Buchanan, who, when appointed as acting-judge, was Master of the Supreme Court. Mr. Murray declined the proffered position in September because his partner, Mr. C. W. Hayward, was absent in England at the time.

### A Brilliant Scholar.

When a representative of "The Advertiser" called upon Mr. Murray, and pre-faced a request for a short interview by congratulating his Honor upon his appointment, he said, "Yes, I have accepted the offer of the Government, but as Mr. Peake has probably told you all about that I need add nothing. I would rather you did not say much about it." Mr. Murray carried his honors very well and without a semblance of self-consciousness. He has won a position in the front rank of the legal profession in this State, and probably no member of the Bar is considered more fitted to take up the onerous position to which Mr. Murray has been appointed.



His Honor Mr. Justice Murray.

He is a son of the late Mr. A. B. Murray, a well-known pastoralist, who sat in the House of Assembly and later in the Legislative Council, and was born at Murray Park, Magill, on September 27, 1863. He began his education under Mr. J. L. Young at the Adelaide College, where also the late Right Hon. C. C. Kingston was a pupil, and continued his studies while residing in Scotland at Edinburgh Linn School. As a lad he returned to South Australia, and attended St. Peter's College. He was a brilliant scholar, and secured the Prankerd Wyatt, Christ Church, and Farrell scholarships, and, at the age of 18 won the University matriculation scholarship. In 1882 at the University he won the John Howard Clark scholarship, and in the following year graduated with the B.A. degree. He was also awarded the then highest scholarship in the State—the South Australian, tenable for four years at £200 a year. That took him to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he continued his brilliant career and secured the B.A. and LL.B. degrees. He took a concurrent course of law and passed the law tripos in 1887, being bracketed senior. Among his successes was the winning of a studentship at the Inns of Court on jurisprudence, Roman law, and public and private international law. After taking his degrees Mr. Murray read in chambers in London with Mr. E. A. Wurtzburg and Dr. W. Blake Odgers, K.C., author of a much-quoted book on libel and slander. Mr. Murray was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple on April 25, 1888, and in the same year returned to Adelaide, and became the associate of the Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way), a position which he held until Sir Samuel went to England for a visit in 1891. Mr. Murray then began practising in the legal profession with Mr. W. A. Magarey. He quickly established a high reputation at the Bar and was called upon to conduct many important and well-remembered cases. His soundness and erudition in law made him much sought after, and his opinions were much valued. He is an eloquent pleader, and has been associated with some of the most notable cases in the South Australian calendar, namely:—Queen versus South-Eastern Land Board, 1893 (Malcolma lands case); Queen versus Glenelg Railway Company, 1899; Queen versus Irish (in this case Mr. Murray succeeded in having a will set aside on the ground of fraud), and Independent Order of Oddfellows versus Bon Accord Lodge, 1892. When Mr. James Henderson died in 1905, Mr. C. W. Hayward, of Messrs. Henderson & Hayward, joined Messrs. Murray & Magarey, and henceforward Mr. Murray was senior partner in the firm, which is still known as Messrs. Murray, Hayward, & Magarey. In 1908 Mr. Murray was made a K.C. It is interesting to note that he was the first graduate of Adelaide University to take silk. He has been a member of the University Council since 1891, and in one year, during the absence of Professor Pennefather, he acted at the University as professor of law. He is dean of the faculty of law, and for some years has been a member of the board of examiners of the Supreme Court. He is also a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee in this State. Yesterday, when his appointment became known, he was congratulated by members of the Bar, the Civil Service, and by private friends. Expressions of pleasure that he had accepted the offer were heard on all sides.

### An Admirable Appointment.

Sir Josiah Symon, K.C., when seen, said he regarded the appointment as an admirable one, as Mr. Murray was eminently qualified in all the essential characteristics for the judicial office to which he had been called. He was sure the appointment would give satisfaction, not merely to the Bar, but to the community generally.

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