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The council of the University of Adelaide on Friday appointed Professor Chapman to be a member of the selection committee for the Rhodes Scholarship of 1912, in place of Professor Darnley Naylor, who recently left for England.

Mr. D. Campbell, M.P., has passed the final examination for the Bachelor of Laws degree at the Adelaide University, and it will be conferred upon him at the commemoration to-morrow. Mr. Campbell is the third member of the South Australian Parliament who has qualified for admission to the bar while he has also been carrying out his duties as a legislator. The first to perform the feat was the late Mr. George Ash, who won his LL.B. degree with distinction, taking the Stow prize in two of the years of his course. Mr. Ash represented Albert, and Mr. Campbell is member for the combined constituencies of Victoria and Albert, which were amalgamated some years ago. The other South Australian legislator who studied for the bar while he was in politics was Mr. W. J. Denny, the present Attorney-General, but he was out of the Assembly during part of his course. The Federal Attorney-General (Mr. W. M. Hughes) qualified for the bar after his election to the House of Representatives. Mr. Campbell has gone through his long and difficult course at the University with great success, and in the majority of his subjects he obtained first-class passes. He will be admitted to the bar in due course.

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#### A ZEALOUS STUDENT.

In addition to having the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred on him at the hands of the Chancellor of the University of Adelaide yesterday, Mr. Harold Giles was also presented with the Roby Fletcher prize for psychology and logic. Sir Samuel Way said Mr. Giles' undergraduate course had been no ordinary one. He had

made himself acquainted with some of the particulars of Mr. Giles' career, and in the whole history of the University of Adelaide he knew of no case in which there had been greater moral force, courage, persistence, and zeal for learning than had been shown by him. He was sure Mr. Giles would not be ashamed of the difficulties which he had encountered successfully. He had been left an orphan in almost infancy, and for years his mother and her children had struggled on. He worked for a time in a telegraph office, and then desiring to travel became a cabin boy on a boat that sailed to South Africa and back. All the time Mr. Giles kept a laudable ambition before him, and a determination to become a useful man. By-and-by he became a student at the University, and won the Tinline scholarship in 1910. Now, in addition to graduating as Bachelor of Arts, he had won the Roby Fletcher prize. Addressing Mr. Giles, the Chancellor added—"You have every reason to be proud of your success, as I am, and I am certain your career will be honorable to yourself, a joy to your friends, and a pride to the University of Adelaide."

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#### "A POPULAR ERROR."

At the University commemoration on Wednesday the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) said it gave him extreme pleasure to confer on Mr. L. Laybourne Smith the degree of bachelor of science. It was a popular error to imagine that there was any feeling on the part of the University against the School of Mines, and he would be sorry if there was any unfriendly feeling cultivated at the School of Mines against the University. Mr. Smith would now be a connecting link between the two great institutions.

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#### GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST'S POSITION.

In the Legislative Council on Wednesday evening the Chief Secretary resumed the debate on the motion of Mr. Lucas—"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable when positions in the Public Service require to be filled that South Australian citizens shall have a prior right to appointment, due regard being had in every case to the qualifications of the respective applicants." He said he was entirely in favor of the motion, as it stood. With regard to Mr. Lucas' speech dealing with Dr. Basedow's application for the position of Government Geologist, he said Dr. Basedow's acceptance of a position in the Northern Territory so shortly after he was appointed Assistant Government Geologist, revealed the doctor's character in a light that did not commend itself to the Government, as suitable for the position of Government Geologist. Mr. Vaughan's statement that Dr. Basedow had not given satisfaction as Assistant Government Geologist was made because the doctor's general bearing and his manner of conducting official business did not inspire the opinion that he possessed qualifications to enable him to carry out the duties of the head of the geological department. Mr. Lucas, in reply, said he could not reconcile that statement with the statement made by the Commissioner of Crown Lands three months after Dr. Basedow left the State that the doctor would have provided an acceptable solution to the difficulty of filling Mr. Brown's position. Personally he could not accept the explanation, and he did not think the public would either. The motion was carried.

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#### THE MOTION WAS CARRIED. ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BILL.

In committee.  
Consideration of Legislative Council's amendment, page 2, line 39 (clause 9)—After first "University" insert "Provided that the agreement, dated the third day of March, one thousand nine hundred and three, made between the University and the School of Mines and Industries with regard to the engineering course, be maintained," and after "Provided" insert "also."

The MINISTER of EDUCATION (Hon. F. W. Coneybeer) moved that the amendment be disagreed to. He said it would so limit the clause as to spoil its effect entirely.

The amendment was disagreed to.  
The resolution was reported, and the report adopted. The Premier, the Treasurer, and the Minister of Education were appointed a committee to draw up reasons for disagreeing to the amendment.