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A VALUABLE GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY.

Owing to the kindly intervention of Mr. Francis Giles, Mrs. Cox, widow of the Rev. F. W. Cox, has presented to the Adelaide University a collection of 300 gold, silver, and bronze coins. Mr. Cox was a student of numismatics, and he gathered together a highly valuable and educational collection. They include Græco-Egyptian, Greek Colonies, Roman, Byzantine, Sicilian, Macedonian, Maximilian, and also ancient, modern, and Imperial English, as well as various European coins, including specimens from America, Hongkong, Japan, and other places. One of the English tokens is a beautiful specimen of the gold Noble of Edward III. Mrs. Cox asked that the coins should be placed safely in a suitable cabinet in the Library, and the council of the University, which gladly accepted the present, agreed to the condition Mrs. Cox mentioned. The coins will remain in the Library until the much-needed classical and historical museum has been erected within the University precincts.

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THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

Already there have been many enquiries at the University with regard to the opening of the extension lectures season this year, and their popularity promises to be as great as ever. Last year the halls in which the addresses were delivered were too small to accommodate all who desired to attend.

and if the patronage is greater this year it will be necessary to arrange for larger halls. The programme has just been completed, and Professors Henderson and Naylor and Dr. Mawson will be the speakers. Each of these gentlemen will deliver three lectures. Professor Henderson will speak on "St. Francis of Assisi" on June 7, 14, and 21, and lantern slides will be used to illustrate his remarks. Professor Naylor will take up the running on June 28 with the first of his lectures on "Thucydides, the dramatic historian," and will occupy the evenings of July 5 and 12 on the same subject. Dr. Mawson will deal with "Antarctic exploration" in addresses on July 19 and 26 and August 2. The programme of lectures at country centres is fast being filled up.

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UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB.

ADMISSION TO LEAGUE REFUSED.
PLAYERS SAY PROFESSIONALISM IS RAMPANT.

The University Football Club again applied for inclusion in the league this year, and again the application was refused. A meeting of the club was held in the Union Room, University, on Thursday afternoon to discuss the situation. There was a large attendance of students, and much enthusiasm marked the proceedings. Dr. Cavanagh-Mainwaring occupied the chair.

The secretary (Mr. H. W. D. Stoddart) read a letter from the league, which, without replying definitely, stated—"The South Australian Football League cannot see its way clear to depart from the system of electorate football."
The letter was received with groans by the students.

The Case for the Students.

Professor Darnley Naylor said he had carefully studied the position in which they were placed by the league's action. They had again been refused their request to become affiliated, and once again only one reason was given. He was surprised that any reason at all should have been put forward, as it was extremely dangerous to give reasons. The league had said their inclusion would be an infringement of the electorate system. What was the reason for the establishment of the electorate system? It was because it was seen that one club might become so wealthy and so popular as to be enabled to put into the field a team so strong that all interest in the competitions would cease. Were those results likely to follow on the University be-

ing admitted to the league? Certainly not, for many reasons. They were never likely to become sufficiently wealthy, and even if they did they would not use their money to advance professionalism. Nor would they ever have a sufficient number of players to draw from to give them a team of such calibre as would make the result of the season a foregone conclusion, as they had voluntarily offered to restrict themselves at the outset so that no man should represent them more than eight years after matriculation. As time went on and their numbers increased they would gradually decrease the limit of years within which students might play, until the ideal was reached when no student not actually in attendance at lectures would be able to represent the University on the football field. It would be seen, then, that far from the University endangering the electorate system it improved it—and the league might at any time step in and further reduce the limit of years.

Precedent in Favor of Application.

Precedent ought always have great weight—especially with lawyers, and therefore with the chairman of the league (Mr. J. R. Anderson)—and precedent told them that in New South Wales and Victoria, and in most cases in South Australia, the authorities, far from leaving the University, gladly welcomed them into their ranks. Then, again, the University as an educational institution differed entirely from any other organisation in one important respect—one of its most important functions was the encouragement of the development of the body and of good sport-manship generally. He appealed for support for their application on the general ground of the advantage of football and amateur sport throughout Australia. If the Australian game was to become a national game throughout the Commonwealth obviously the more first-class teams playing the better it would be. If the Adelaide and Melbourne Universities played the Australian game the Sydney University would be practically forced to follow their example, and that would place the game on a firmer footing in New South Wales than it was at present. Section 2 of the constitution of the league said the object of the league was "the encouragement of football." That was hardly the object they had in view when they refused the students' application, as because of that refusal the students were only able to play one game a year—that against the Melbourne University. The situation was without parallel throughout the world—that the University should be prevented from playing a game by the body which was supposed to have at heart the promotion and extension of that game. Universities, throughout the world, had always been regarded as the home of clean, pure sport and the Adelaide University had always been loyal to that tradition. He wanted to appeal to the sport-loving public of South Australia with every confidence that they would help them by the pressure of public opinion. Such pressure could be thus brought to bear upon the league as to awaken them to a realisation of their duty to amateur sport. Professor Naylor expressed a wish that next year, before the season opened, they would find themselves at last included as members of the South Australian Football League.

Mr. H. W. D. Stoddart moved—"That this meeting records its disappointment at the refusal of the South Australian Football League to admit the University as an affiliated club, believing that such refusal is neither in the interests of Australian football nor of clean amateur sport in general; further, it trusts that the league will reconsider its decision in the near future, and thus show that it has the true interests of Australian football at heart."

Professionalism Rampant.

Mr. E. Jones, a playing member of the North Adelaide club, seconded the motion. The admission of the University into League football here, he said, would be in the best interests of amateur sport, and would tend to put a stop to the professionalism which was rampant in Adelaide at the present time. He knew of a player who had moved from one allotted district to another, and who, on being asked by the secretary of the club representing the district into which he had moved, whether he would play for them, replied, "I have never played for the love of the game, and I am not going to start now." And no wonder, Mr. Jones significantly added, since he was getting £80 a year from the last club he represented. If the League wanted to stop professionalism they should admit the University. The argument that the admission of the University would break up the electorate system was not supported in any way by fact. One member of the executive of the Cricketing Association had told him his association recognised that the admission of the University club was one of their best moves for years. Then, again, the University club had been associated with the Adelaide and Suburban Association without prejudicing the electorate system, and it was only when the association came under the jurisdiction of the League as the South Australian Association that they had been refused admission.

"Would Make Things Hum."

Mr. C. Drew, also a playing member of the North Adelaide Club, supported the motion. He expressed the assurance that if they did get into the League they would "make things hum" as regarded professionalism, and the clubs would have to be very careful. At present the balance-sheets showed many things. There were only a certain number of men at the University, and they would not be able to go outside for talent. Surely nothing could be more clearly in conformity with the electorate system.

Mr. S. W. Jeffries, secretary of the Sports Association, said the movement had the sympathy of his association, every club of which wished them well. They had top-grade teams in every other sport—tennis, cricket, lacrosse, and rowing—and they should also be represented in A Grade football.

The motion was carried.

A New League Suggested.

The Chairman thought it had been amply demonstrated that the University had every constitutional right to admission. It must be self-interest on the part of some of the League clubs that had resulted in the refusal of their application. Possibly they feared an impediment in continuing their course of professionalism, or possibly they thought the club would bring nothing into their coffers, though they might take something out. The case for admission would be still further strengthened if they had a football team, and the time had now come when they should make an effort to secure one. It seemed quite possible that another—and this time a purely amateur—league might be formed. The Glenferry and St. Bartholomew's teams were in no association, and he was sure there were other clubs which would join them in establishing a new league. If they had a good football team their claims would be considerably strengthened. Then, again, the matches on the University Oval would draw a great many patrons away from the League matches, and that body would see that from a financial point of view it was advisable to admit them.

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BRISBANE, April 22.

The first meeting of the Senate of the Queensland University was held to-day, when Sir William McGregor, the Governor, was elected chancellor and Mr. R. H. Rowe vice-chancellor.

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ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.
INVITATION TO AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, April 22.

The proposal of the University council that the British Association for the advancement of science be invited to hold its 1913 annual meeting in Australia was fully endorsed by a meeting of 150 representative men at the Town Hall to-day. The Lord Mayor said the association had held meetings in Ireland, Canada, and South Africa, and the position occupied in the Empire by Australia demanded that a strong effort should be made to secure a visit in 1913. It would mean the furtherance of scientific work and research in the Commonwealth which would be of incalculable benefit. After the State Governor had endorsed the proposal, Dr. J. H. McFarland moved—"That this meeting recognises that a visit to Australia by the British Association for the Advancement of Science will benefit science and the Empire, and cordially supports the proposal that an invitation be sent to the association by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth."

Mr. Prendergast, leader of the State Labor Party, in seconding the motion, said that in Canada the opening up of great fields of industry had followed in the trail of the British Association.

The motion was carried unanimously and with loud cheers.

On the motion of Mr. T. Tait, Chief Railways Commissioner, it was decided that the meeting resolve itself into a general committee, with Sir John Madden as chairman for local organisation and co-operation with the committees of the other States. Professor Masson, chairman of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, said a communication had passed between the scientists here and those who guided the British Association, and there was reason to believe that the invitation, if backed by Australian opinion, would be accepted.