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### UNIVERSITY AND SPORT.

For years the students at the Adelaide University have been handicapped in their sports owing to having no ground of their own, but the application of the council of the University for a portion of the park lands on the north side of Torrens Lake has borne fruit, and the necessary ratepayers' meeting was held on Thursday evening to approve of the conditions under which the City Council has granted a 21 years' lease of the ground. This was done, and the University will now be at liberty to commence necessary improvements. Speaking at the ratepayers' meeting on Thursday evening, Councillor Frinsdorf, who presided, said he was astonished that the University had been without a recreation ground for so many years, when the authorities might have had the ground for the asking. He had to put it down to apathy on the part of the University council or to the bashfulness of the undergraduates. He had been told by one of the undergraduates that the only thing they could do there in the way of sport was to have a game of tops or marbles, or a friendly chat—in the absence of the professors—with the lady undergraduates, but that was not very often. "That will be rectified now," concluded Councillor Frinsdorf.

have the use of another portion of the park lands. He was delighted that the University was at last to have a proper ground, and that the public would not be excluded from it—it was to be surrounded by only a wire fence—and was satisfied that it would be kept in proper order. Mr. S. J. Jacobs seconded the motion, whereupon the Chairman called for a show of hands. This was entirely in favour of the proposition, which, as nobody demanded a poll, was declared carried. The lease, details of which have already been published, contains a provision that a sum of not less than £200 shall be spent during the first five years in improving the ground.

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### POPULARISING THE UNIVERSITY.

The Adelaide University Council is a progressive body, and many of the recent actions of that educational organisation have had a tendency towards the realisation of Professor Huxley's ideal of an educational system, which should be a ladder with one end in the gutter and the other in the University. Established in the year 1874 by Act of Parliament, it owed its origin to the munificence and public spirit of the late Sir Walter Watson Hughes and Sir Thomas Elder, from each of whom a gift of £20,000 was received for this purpose. Further endowments were granted by Parliament, provision being made for an annual grant from the public revenues of a sum equal to five per cent. on the capital funds then or afterwards to be possessed by the University, but not exceeding in any one year the sum of £10,000. Under the Act which provided for this grant from the public revenue an endowment was made of 50,000 acres, and a grant of five acres in the city of Adelaide as a site for the University buildings was provided for. Seven years after its establishment Royal Letters Patent were issued by Her Majesty, the late Queen Victoria, declaring that the degrees granted by it should be recognised as academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration throughout the British Empire as if granted by any University in the United Kingdom. Characteristic of the progressiveness of the residents of this State, the Adelaide University was the first University in Australia to make provision for granting degrees to women, which was authorised by Act of Parliament in 1880, and also for granting degrees in Science. A second gift by Sir Thomas Elder in 1883 of £10,000 for the foundation of a School of Medicine enabled the University Council to establish a Chair of Anatomy and a Lectureship in Physiology, and when that practical friend of higher education in this State died in the year 1897 according to the provisions of his will a further sum of £67,000 was bequeathed to the University, making the amount of his gifts to the institution from first to last nearly £100,000. As one of the results of this legacy the Elder Conservatorium of Music was established in 1898. The late Hon. J. H. Angas was also a liberal supporter of the University, having in 1878 donated the sum of £4,000 to provide scholarships to encourage the training of scientific men, especially civil engineers. Since 1892 Mr Robert Barr Smith has presented to the University the sum of £7,500 for the purpose of the Library, which now contains over 20,000 volumes.

These gifts to the funds have enabled the Council to make many steps of a forward character, and with a view of bringing within the reach of country residents the benefits of University examinations, provision has been made for the establishment of local centres with permanent committees for the Primary, Junior, Senior, Higher Public, Junior

Commercial, Senior Commercial, and Music Examinations in many of the country towns throughout the State, at Albany, Kalgoorlie, and Perth in Western Australia, and at Broken Hill in New South Wales. Kadina has the honor of being one of the country towns in this State where a local centre in connection with the University has been established. This year for the first time examinations were held, and four candidates sat for the Primary Examination at the Kadina Town Hall this week. This centre should prove a source of great convenience to students residing in Kadina, Wallaroo, and the adjacent districts who are desirous of taking advantage of the facilities for higher education provided for by the University. Prior to the formation of this centre all local candidates for any of the public examinations held in connection with the University were obliged to travel to Moonta, and either remain there for the greater part of a week or travel to and from that town. The establishment of a local centre at Kadina has done away with the necessity of incurring that expense, and it is to be hoped that parents and others will in the future reveal their appreciation of the action of those gentlemen who have accepted a position on the Local Centre Committee, through which it has been made possible for candidates for all public examinations to be held in this town. The duty of the local centre is to supervise the examinations which may be held, full details of which can be seen in the University Calendar, or the Public Examinations Manual, or may be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary of the Kadina Local Centre, Mr E. A. Bearo.

In regard to the public examinations in music, a joint scheme in this subject has been adopted by the Universities of Melbourne and Adelaide, which came into force in July of last year. Since the year 1897, the Adelaide University has conducted Public Examinations in music, whilst the date of the first Public Examinations in Music conducted by the Melbourne University was 1902. Prior to the adoption of the present scheme the Adelaide University acted in conjunction with the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music, and the Royal Academy of Music, but it was felt by the two Universities that the work in which they had been engaged for many years could be more efficiently performed by the adoption of common methods, common standards, and the exchange of examiners, and it is anticipated that the present scheme will prove the beginning of a wider movement which will embrace all the Universities of Australia, and New Zealand. In some quarters opposition has been aroused to this scheme, but those who are favourable toward it argue that although the examinations held by visiting bodies are very good ones, it is desirable to retain the money in the various States, instead of allowing it to be taken to London and elsewhere, by visiting institutions. The whole of the money received by the Australian Universities is again expended in the cause of education. In a small handbook obtainable from the University authorities or on application to the Hon. Secretary of a local centre all information concerning Public Examinations in Music as arranged by the Universities of Melbourne and Adelaide can be obtained. Two examinations are to be held annually, one in September and the other in May. Entries for the May Examination must be made not later than April 3, 1909.

In addition to the supervision of Public Examinations, Local Centres can also

arrange for courses of Extension Lectures, which are aiding considerably in the popularising of the University. Considerable success has attended these Extension Lectures in the city, and also in many of the country towns, and whilst it will not be possible to arrange for a course of Extension Lectures at Kadina this year, it is to be hoped that sufficient inducement will be offered to the Committee of the Local Centre to arrange for a course of such lectures next year. Four of the Professors of the Adelaide University have this year been visiting various towns of the State delivering lectures and at the majority of places the lectures have been well attended.

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### UNIVERSITY SPORTS GROUND.

The aim of the council of the Adelaide University to secure a convenient sports ground for the students who attend that hall of learning was consummated on Thursday evening, when a meeting of ratepayers was held in the exchange room, Adelaide Town Hall, to pass a resolution in favour or otherwise of a lease of 21 years of about six and a half acres of the park lands between King William and Frome roads being granted to the council. Cr. Frinsdorf occupied the chair, and expressed surprise that the University had been so long without a recreation ground. He could not say whether the circumstance was due to the apathy of the council or to the bashfulness of the undergraduates, seeing that the authorities might easily have had one merely by asking for it. After having briefly traced the history of the movement, which was initiated by the sports committee of the University, the Chairman referred to the fact that the Mayor (Mr. Frank Johnson) and the Town Clerk (Mr. T. G. Ellery) were strong supporters of the University. The latter was such an ardent advocate of the beautification of the city, and the giving of recreation grounds to those who required them, that if permitted to do so he would probably spend the whole of the rates on the parks and gardens. He mentioned that a lease had been drawn up and agreed to which was eminently satisfactory to all concerned. All that now remained was for the citizens to express their approval or otherwise of the lease being granted. The Hon. G. Brookman, M.L.C., moved, "That this meeting of ratepayers of the municipality of the City of Adelaide, convened for the purpose of considering an application made to the city council by the council of the University of Adelaide for a 21 years' lease of portion of the park lands containing six and a half acres or thereabouts situate on the north side of the Torrens Lake, between King William and Frome roads, to be used for cricket, football, and other athletic sports, approves of such lease being granted pursuant to the powers conferred by section 97 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1890." He explained that about three years ago an effort was made to secure a portion of the park lands for the purpose indicated, but it was found that some small leases stood in the way. Arrangements had since been made, however, whereby the holders of these would