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delivered were £3 3s per lecture, and the lecturer's travelling and personal expenses. As far as possible, arrangements would be left in the hands of the local committees, and all surplus funds retained by them. Considering the great success which had attended the extension lectures in the city, the Adelaide committee were sanguine with careful and systematic organization similar success would be achieved in the country centres, but much would depend on the activity of the members of the local committees in the several groups. The Mount Gambier group would include Millicent, Narracoorte, Border Town, and probably also Wolseley. If more than one centre should invite the same professor in the same vacation, the travelling and personal expenses would be divided.

A short discussion took place as to the advisableness of strengthening the local centre by the appointment of additional members, and it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Davison, that all present (with the exception of Mr. Carozzi) comprise the centre, with the names also of several ladies and gentlemen, who, for various reasons, had been unable to attend that evening, though invited. The new centre therefore consists of the following:—Messrs. F. H. Daniel (chairman), A. Loutit, F. Davison, John Watson, J. Grove, F. Cleave, A. Leith, C. L. Spehr (secretary), F. H. Rischbieth, J. Livingston, M.H.R., J. J. Lawrie, H. T. Ward, C. W. Tucker, A. E. Wilson, Revs. R. A. Caldwell, F. W. Matschoss, W. B. Mather, Dean Ryan, Dr. Johnson, Mesdames P. C. Kook, J. Grove, A. C. Holtje, J. Fairweather, and Misses M. A. French, Loutit, Pollitt, and McKenzie. Mr. Carozzi said that as he prepared students for the examinations, he preferred not to be appointed on the committee. The committee has power to add to its number.

Mr. Davison moved, and Mr. Watson seconded, that Professor Henderson be invited to deliver a course of his extension lectures at Mount Gambier in the second vacation in August.—Carried unanimously.

It was then decided that the committee meet again that night fortnight to make a choice of Professor Henderson's lectures, to be supplied in the meantime by the registrar.

### THE MILLICENT CENTRE.

Millicent, Saturday.

On Thursday night Mr. C. R. Hodge, registrar of the Adelaide University, was present at a meeting, held in the Anglican school-room for the purpose of forming a local centre here. It was resolved to form the centre, and the following were elected the committee:—Revs. T. Ward, R. Nairn, D. C. Harris, Father McEvoy, Messrs. W. S. Hobart, J. B. Mitchell, D. Campbell, M.P., H. Stuckey, E. J. Harris, Tonge, D. A. Kennedy (secretary), Mesdames Cook and D. Campbell. The election of chairman was left to the first meeting of the committee.

### BORDER TOWN CENTRE.

Border Town, Saturday.

On Tuesday last a gathering of prominent residents of the district was held in the institute. Mr. C. R. Hodges (registrar of the Adelaide University) was present, and fully explained the University extension scheme and intimated that the authorities were prepared to make Border Town a new centre. The Rev. S. C. Muford moved and Mr. W. A. Johnson seconded, that the following committee be formed in connection with local work:—Messrs. J. B. Makin, J. Kennedy, W. A. Johnson, W. Ballinger, A. L. Fry, C. S. Wylie, Mesdames J. Hay, C. H. W. Wiese, Maynard, and Revs. J. T. Houston, W. Hawke, and F. A. French. The appointment of chairman was left to the first meeting of the committee.

## UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

### ITS WORK IN THE SOUTH-EAST.

#### PROPOSED EXTENSION LECTURES AT MOUNT GAMBIER.

Mr. C. R. Hodge, the Registrar of the Adelaide University, paid a visit to the South-East last week in connection with the affairs of that institution. On Saturday evening the members of the University Centre at Mount Gambier and a number of other gentlemen met him, by invitation, in the board-room of the Institute to discuss certain phases of university work, including the question of arranging for extension lectures. The following were present:—Messrs. A. Loutit, J. Watson, F. Cleave, F. Davison, J. Grove, A. E. Wilson, A. Leith, H. T. Ward, J. J. Lawrie, J. Livingston, M.H.R., F. H. Rischbieth, J. M. Carozzi, and C. L. Spehr, LL.B. (Hon. Secretary), and Mrs. P. C. Kook. Apologies were made for the absence of the Revs. R. A. Caldwell, A. G. King, and Very Rev. Dean Ryan, and Mrs. Holtje. In the absence of the Chairman of the local Committee (Mr. F. H. Daniel), Mr. A. Loutit was voted to preside.

The Chairman, in welcoming Mr. Hodge, remarked that for some years the local centre had done good work, but of late the interest of the members had lagged somewhat, and it was thought that if they had a general meeting and enlisted the sympathies and assistance of those interested in the advancement of education they might be able to put the work of the University here on a more popular footing.

Mr. Hodge said the question of reorganising the local Committee was one of the matters he wished discussed. The original committee formed about ten years ago had, by deaths, the removal of members, and other causes, gradually dwindled, and of late the work of arranging for and supervising the examinations had devolved on the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. L. Spehr, LL.B.). This gentleman now required assistance if the work were to be continued, and he would like them to appoint a committee of ladies and gentlemen able and willing to render this. It must be remembered by those who consented to act that the position was one of responsibility, because the local centres, for the time being, represented the University, and were responsible for the proper conducting of the examinations. After discussion the following committee was appointed to control University work here:—Messrs. F. H. Daniel (Chairman), A. Loutit, F. Davison, J. Watson, J. Livingston, M.H.R., J. J. Lawrie, A. Leith, F. Cleave, J. Grove, C. W. Tucker, H. T. Ward, A. E. Wilson, F. H. Rischbieth, C. L. Spehr, LL.B. (Hon. Secretary), Dr. Johnson, the Very Rev. Dean Ryan, the Revs. R. A. Caldwell, W. B. Mather, and F. W. Matschoss, Mesdames J. Fairweather, P. C. Kook, J. Grove, and A. C. Holtje, and the Misses Loutit, Pollitt, M. A. French, and M. MacKenzie. If thought desirable, the Committee was also given power to add to its number.

Mr. Hodge then explained, in detail, what was required of those undertaking the supervision of examinations, and afterwards referred to the subject of extension lectures. In connection with the examinations he said he would like it to be known locally what arrangements had been made for the future conduct of musical examinations. After a partnership extending over ten years the Adelaide University had terminated the arrangement that existed with the Associated Board, London (the Royal College and the Royal Academy of Music), and under which the musical examinations in South Aus-

tralia had been conducted by that body. They had found that the cost of bringing out examiners from home each year had been very considerable, and, while they had no fault to find with them personally, they had come to the conclusion that they could manage the examinations just as efficiently and much more economically themselves. It cost the Adelaide University about £500 per annum to bring the examiners out, and if they could save most of this, as they hoped to do, the money would be available for it was proposed, therefore, to establish an Australian standard of examinations and degrees in music, and to appoint a permanent board of Australian examiners. With this end in view the Adelaide University had arranged with the Melbourne University to work together in the matter, and the altered system of examinations would come into force during the current year. Both universities had agreed to a common standard, both as regarded the preliminary examinations and the higher degrees, and it was anticipated that the Sydney University, where they were now establishing a Chair of Music, would come into line with them next year. Thus, in the course of a year or so, a permanent Australian standard of examinations would be established, and the passes and degrees issued by the controlling body would carry as much weight, it was anticipated, in the musical world as the English conferred degrees. In the meantime it had been arranged that the Melbourne University should supervise the examination work in Victoria and Tasmania, while the Adelaide University undertook the work in South Australia, Western Australia, and at Broken Hill. Each year Victorian examiners would visit this state, the West, and Broken Hill to conduct examinations, while South Australian examiners would perform a like service in Victoria and Tasmania. The examiners would be the Professors of Music appointed by each university, and whenever possible two would travel together and adjudicate.

Mr. Hodge then referred to the proposal to hold a series of extension lectures in the South-East. For some years past, he said, repeated applications had been made to the University by country centres and Institutes for courses of these lectures. With the view of supplying the demands made the University Extension Lecture Committee had been formed, of which Professor Geo. C. Henderson, M.A., was chairman. The professor was very enthusiastic about the work, but so far it had only been possible to comply with a few of the requests sent in for lectures. An effort was now being made, however, to extend the work so as to supply, as far as was practicable, the wants of country towns, and for this purpose permanent University Centres had been established in the state and arranged in groups, while a list of the courses of lectures available had been prepared, together with the dates on which they could be given. For convenient working the centres had been divided into four groups—one around Port Pirie and the neighbouring towns, one in the Moonta district, one at Gawler, and a fourth in a triangle East, embracing Mount Gambier, Narracoorte, Millicent, Border Town, and probably also Wolseley. Each centre was to be allowed to select its own course of lectures, which would be delivered by the professors during their university vacations, but, to facilitate matters and make the organization of the scheme more effective, he suggested that the centres of each group should apply for the same course of lectures in the same vacation. If this were done the course of lectures selected could be delivered at all the centres of the group within the fortnight available, and the cost would be materially reduced, as each centre would bear only a proportion of the expenses. The courses now offered to the country centres comprised three lectures each, and the terms on which they could be delivered were £3 3/ per lecture, plus the travelling and personal expenses of the lecturer. As far as possible all arrangements for the lectures would be left in the hands of the local committees, who would retain all surplus funds. The scheme, as outlined, Mr. Hodge said, had been submitted to every permanent University Centre in the