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OFFICIAL REPLY TO "VIGILANT" Sir-'Vivilant' in Wednesday's turne

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A notice appearing in the "Education Gazetie" states that there will be no admissions to the department until the students at present in training the students at present in training wish the Government to go further and repudiate the contracts made from four to six years ago with these young people? The money spent in training those who may be temporarily withthose who may be temporarily with-out appointments in January next has not been wasted. They will be ab-sorbed as vacancies occur in the de-partment, and thus save the expense of training new teachers.

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In a department controlling more
than 500 class VII schools it is manifestly impossible that the number of
uncertificated teachers shall correspond
exactly with the number of class VII
schools operating. For this reason a
limited number of certificated teachers. are allowed to remain for a short time in those schools, and such appointments are provided for by regulation. "Vigilant is inaccurate when he "Vigilant is inaccurate when he always been in charge of uncertificated teachers. Reference to the Gazette shows that as a matter of practice a limited number of certificated teachers. are appointed to these schools

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CUT IN EDUCATION FOR ECONOMY View Of Taxpayers' President

"The Premier (Mr. Hill) has shown necessity of requesting the load of Government expenditure," said the president of the Taxpayers' Association (Mr. S. McGregor Reid) yesterday, "that it comes as a rude shock to find him asserting that unless waste can be proved he will not fouch the education hill."

MI. Red was referring to the Premier's statement at Psyncham on
Saturday, when he said he was suisfied that no money was being wasted
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EXPENDITURE CRITICISED

To the Editor Sir .- In the report of the principal of the Teachers' Training College for oung men and 774 young woffen) at-ended in that year, and the cost was 40470—less by £15,000 than that of the previous year, But that number of stud-lents far exceeded the requirements of the Education Department, and in order the Education Department, and in order to employ the large number who completed future course of Development and the property of the property of the large number who completely made by retiring 47 senior teachers, as from January 21, 1921. Iddite, if any any for doing no work, and all began are one to be a factor of the large teachers received a month's any for doing no work, and all began are one to be a senior of the large teachers received to month's are to the large teachers received to the large teachers are paid from January 1. In addition, but the large teachers received or trained and certificated teachers. were unit from January I. In addition, of Ir Italian due critinated teacher; (6, 6, 77), find the women at 1,129 and up. 1,200 and 1,200 VIGILANT.

From "Vigilant:"-Mr. Forgan, in his facetious letter, is wide of the mark. My object was to advise the closing of the Training College. It is advised to the college of the Training College. It is advised to the college of the mark. My object was to advise the Minister does not find employment for him or her within the period of six calendar months then this agreement calendar months then this agreement should be put in charge of an about the should be put in charge of an about the should be put in charge of an about the of enquiry into the cost of education in Victoria has recommended that all places are the should be about the committee in this State recommended 10 as the minimum. The Victoria to of the put of the should be about the thin of the put of the put of the thin of the put of the put of the thin of the put of the put of the thin of the put of the put of the thin of the put of the put of the thin of the put of the put of the put of the thin of the put of the thin of the put of the pu tion of inspectorates instead of sepa-rate ones for high, technical, and primary schools. Can this poor State expect to do more than wealthy Vic-

Education Costs

"NO ARBITRARY CUT IN EDUCATION"

Premier Defines Attitude on vote.
"What I did say was that there would
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t have shown where waste is occurring," the said. "From my long experience is the control of the Education Department I am satisfied that our system is at least as efficient as that of any other State and the cost lower than in any State except

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WASTE AND RETRENCHMENT In normal times, the speech made by the Premier at a function at the Payneham School on Saturday would

have excited no remark. A conscientions Minister of Education is quite naturally opposed to "an arbitrary cut in the education vote," and equally apt to issue a challenge to "those who desire the cut" to "show where any waste is occurring." Mr. Hill, however, is Treasurer first and Minister of Education afterwards; and this, perhaps, is not the happiest possible combination of portfolios in the prevailing circumstances. It is a combination to which we owe the fact that the whole scheme of Government economy has seemed to revolve about the Education Department. Whenever the topic of reduced public expenditure is raised. the education vote is uppermost in men's minds; not because this is the only department in which retrenchment has been urged, or in which the major savings are looked for, but because the Premier himself has subconsciously conferred upon this aspect of State finance a disproportionate degree of importance. It is for this reason that all Mr. Hill's allusions to the subject of economy in education are examined with more than ordinary attention. His speech at Payneham will be analysed and interpreted by every student of the difficult problem of Government finance, and will take on a special significance from the fact that the whole question of departmental economies has been submitted to a non-party Budget Committee, of which the Premier himself is chairman. Does Mr Hill's speech justify the inference that the Budget Committee has completed its enquiry into the education vote, and has decided, in relation to this department at all events, that an avoidance of palpable waste in public tion of that expenditure within the much restricted means of the State, is the Government's only responsibility? To waste money is "to expend it to no purpose, or for an inadequate result; to use it extravagantly; to squan-der it." Nobody believes that, in this ordinary sense of the word, money is being wasted in any Government department in South Australia. Budget Committee certainly is not concerned with any such supposition. That committee was appointed as a ment, made a few weeks ago, that "the present financial situation is so critical that it is becoming too difficult for any Treasurer or any Government to take the full responsibility for it. That statement meant, if it meant anything, that the Premier was acutely conscious of the need to make further cuts in public expenditure, and was or his party, all the odium which might fairly be apprehended from a further true of the Opposition in this State as of the Opposition in Federal poli-tics, that it has no desire to make

party capital out of the measures of economy which have been forced upon Labor by an unprecedented shortage of public funds. Mr. Butler has long been willing that some share of the responsibility should be laid upon the broad back of Liberalism; and, when the Budget Committee was appointed. it seemed clear enough that the Premler was at last taking advantage of a generous and public-spirited offer. Mr. Butler himself was placed on the committee, together with one other Liberal and a spokesman of the Country Party. It was felt that a Budget revised and approved by representatives of all parties-three Labor members were appointed to the committee in addition to the Premier himself as chairman-would be acceptable both to Parliament and the public; and that it would be possible, not only to place reasonable limits upon the Budget debate in both Houses, but to avoid unnecessary heartburnings in the consti-

The whole scheme was timely and well devised, and it would be a thousand pities if anything should occur to endanger its success. Failure would be inevitable if it were not realised and admitted by all the political interests concerned that it is not the task of the Budget committee to prevent waste, so much as to see that the coat of Government expenditure is cut from the admittedly inadequate cloth of Government revenue without being a too lopsided and ill-fitting garment The State cannot spend money that it has not got, on education or anything else; and if the necessary savings are not made in accordance with some equitable plan-a plan to which all parties ought to be able to agree merely because it is equitable—the complain ment has been favored at the expense of all the rest. Some weeks ago the departmental Budget committee—which must not be confused with the Parliamentary Budget committee since appointed-wrote to the Premier to the effect that no further material reduction in the education vote was possible "on the basis of the depart-ment's present operations." That fact is generally admitted The problem for the Parliamentary Budget committee is (or was) whether "the basis of the department's present operations' ought to be the only determinant of the extent of the expenditure. Hill's speech at Payneham clearly suggests that this is his view. It may be that the non-party Budget committee has come to the same conought to have made that fact clear On the other hand, if the education still sub judice, and the Premier was not authorised to prejudge the issue by an announcement that implies the maintenance of the education vote at the present level, he has laid himself open to a charge of grave discourtesy -to call it no more-to his fellow-