**UNIVERSITY CENTRE A. BURMA**

A public meeting was held at the Institute on Thursday evening last for the purpose of establishing a University centre at Burma to conduct candidates for public examinations in music and general education. A committee, with the Adelaide University, to present themselves freely instead of going to the city, to be led by his Worship, the Mayor, Mr. John Brown, was invited to the meeting. Mr. R. U. Wiseman, Registrar (of the University of the University attended, B. J. R. Wiseman, moved:—"That it is desirable that a University centre be established in Burma."

It would be a good thing, if we had several young people at the Centre had to travel to Adelaide for examinations, and it was not easy to attend, and he felt that if the Centre was a centre, many others would sit. Mr. George Scutt, seconded the proposition. He thought as the Centre was offered to them they ought to accept it. Dr. R. B. Taylor supported Mr. P. L. Hillebrand's motion. He knew what it meant, and had sent children to Adelaide for examinations. All parents could hardly afford to send their children to a Centre, and he thought the offer of the University a good one. The proposition was seconded by Mr. A. A. Hjelm, Mr. John Brown, Mr. J. E. E. Hodge, Mr. J. E. Eccleston, Mr. F. M. Wood, Mr. W. T. Wing, Mr. J. F. S. Smit, Mr. J. Hume, Mr. W. R. L. Jahn, and Mr. J. F. S. Smit. It was resolved that the Centre be inaugurated at the next meeting of the committee. Mr. J. E. Eccleston was appointed chairman, secretaries.

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**KAPUNA INSTITUTE.**

A meeting of the committee of the Kapuna Institute was held on Sunday evening, President—Mr. J. H. G. Brown, Vice-President—Mr. A. A. Hjelm (president), Sec.—J. E. Eccleston, Treas.—Mr. W. R. L. Jahn, Hon. Secretary—Mr. F. M. Wood. The Institute's statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ending 21st December 1920, was read, showing a balance of $120. The statement for July was for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of scientific and art books, and the purchase of scientific and art books was the subject of discussion.

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**THE WEIGHT OF LIGHT—ITS APPLICATION TO ASTRONOMY.**

The annual concert of the Society was held at the Princes' Theatre, Adelaide, on Monday night, when Mr. W. Rams, the President of the Royal Astronomical Society, delivered a lecture on "The Weight of Light—its Application to Astronomy." Without going into any scientific details, the lecturer made his point interesting and convincing. The weight of light, as far as it had been accepted, had been stated that for several centuries it had been the basis of experimental demonstration that had been considered in science, and it was not until the middle of the 19th century that the idea was finally abandoned by experiment. When light was broken down into its components, it was found that the pressure of light was not so obvious; but Professor Maxwell's calculations showed that the light pressure must exist, and he had calculated the amount of the pressure. Professor Maxwell had shown that the weight of light could be experimentally proved by a freely floating body suspended in a vacuum and exposed to the sun. The body would then be drawn down towards the sun, and the greater the body the greater would be the pressure. From this experiment it could be concluded that the light pressure could be felt, and that this was the cause of the light pressure. The lecturer concluded by stating that the weight of light was an important factor in the study of astronomy and that this would be further explored in the future.