REVIVAL IN LEARNING.

BRISBANE ENQUIRERS ABOUND.

Two visitors from Queensland (Messrs. Rogers, of the Presbyterian Church and Mr. A. R. Read, Secretary for Public Instruction) and A. R. Read (Under Secretary for Technical Education) are in Melbourne on a tour to see the practical side of technical and higher education in Brisbane. They are making enquiries at the various schools and centres of technical education and industries that are expected to be of considerable value to Queensland in the future.

Particular attention is being given to those institutions because, although the conference is to be held in Melbourne and Brisbane, the Adelaide committee was strongly pressed with the problem of how to make the population served more nearly approach those of Brisbane.

New Use for Government House.

When a man named Mr. Story stated:-The Queensland Government has long established a University at the Technological College. The Government House, as amended and increased for University purposes, and the building is being altered to meet requirements. It is also intended to erect at Griffith College in New South Wales, for the University in the State in the University domain. The building, therefore, is likely to be occupied for the purpose for which it was designed.

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Unpaid Subsidies.

Sir Samuel Wray proceeded to make brief references to the mass of requests for student accommodation. He prefixed his remarks with an allusion to a petition that had been submitted by the students demanding the commencement of the morning's proceedings.

He had always been leery of appearing before a non-political institution.

The Commissioner—quite as Sir Samuel Wray continued, that regarding the University in that light, it would be unwise to suggest to the University, or to any of its subordinates, that they should need to be reminded of the obligations of their position or of the necessity of their existence, which was a business proposition.

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knew that the defence authorities intended to approach the Government in regard to the Institute Asylum site in order to extend their ground, but he did not think there were any projects for that purpose. He was of the view, in the way of its being made over to the University.

As regards the matter of the subsidy for which the deputation had asked, that was a matter of discussion with the government past and present, and was one now for the government and his colleagues to carefully think out.

Mr. F. W. Young, M.L.A., referred principally to the money experience of the University.

Mr. T. Ryan, M.P., agreed in the main with the request of the deputation, but joined issue with them in regard to their request for the transfer of the Institute Asylum site. He knew how the University had expanded, and remembered that they had a Government in power which did not believe in the University or the nethn reach of every bright child in the State. He thought they would agree it would be no use to undertake any further building on an area of only 14 acres. They needed to go where they could get 40 or 50 acres, and what they would get was a mission University.

Sir Samuel Way pointed out in his report that the University were dealing only with immediate wants. He added that they did not want the £21,700 in cash, but an endowment so that the money they had expended would be replaced, and they would get an income to carry on their work.

This concluded the arguments advanced by the Premiers's Attitude.

The Commissioner for Public Works, in his reply to the requests submitted, said that practically all the request was not a party one. He realised that the family at the University had grown too big for its home, and he was very pleased to know it. While South Australia during the last few years had been growing materially it had been spending ahead also in intellectual and moral progress. While there had been been breaking up of the broad acres of the State's land there had also been a breaking up of the intellectual land of the human mind. The president of the Chamber of Commerce had put forward a suggestion as to the creation of a degree in commerce. It was a splendid idea, and he agreed that one of the best things they could do was to have their young men trained in commercial life so as to keep pace with the development of the State. The intellectual and moral powers of life must be equally developed with other departments, and this Government felt that it knew the State would never lose by helping educational institutions. But there were times when help could be given. As to the first question which had been submitted, that relating to subsidies, he would only say at this present moment that the Government would give the request careful consideration. As to the amounts which Mr. Bur- lever and Mr. Peake had suggested placing on the Estimates, that was a matter which would require consideration by the House. In his opinion, if the country wanted a great University it would have to place it far above what the Committee, who was there, was room and free air. The University had been placed in the best situation for the day in which it was now being asked for be sufficient for that expansion. Personally, he thought it would not be for the extension he would like to see come to pass. They should go where they could get 40 or 50 acres, and not building there.

At the present time they had to pay from £125 to £200 per head for land in the city, and it was a question of it.
THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

PROVIDING FOR EXPANSION.

On Thursday morning a deputation from the Honourable the Premier (Hon. J. Vereker) to ask requests of His Excellency and the Government to provide on the Government ground at the Zoo for an Institute of Technology, and also a request that provision be made for the erection of the buildings of the University, was received by His Excellency. His Excellency, after some discussion, intimated on the 24th inst. that the request of the Premier had been granted, and that provision would be made for the erection of the buildings of the University on the Government ground at the Zoo, and that the buildings and grounds could be made available for University purposes.

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The Chancellor—Representatives of the University of Adelaide—on Thursday, received from the Premier, I have sent to ask the Attorney-General to consider intro-

The Premier—I must uphold the undoubtedly a person of great weight, a man who can be trusted in one way he can be trusted in any way.

The Chancellor—I hope you will not make a representation of that kind. I have pointed out to you that as far as we have been received by the orebrous Premiers of the State and this rule has been laid down for the first time on this occasion, I do not think you can imagine that anyone has been fooled.

After a few moments' silence Mr. Pender, M.P., arrived, and briefly intro-

The Minister of Education, in the course of his reply, said, he desired to remove from the minds of those present a piece of prejudice that might exist. He did not want them to be biased with the idea that the present Government had established a new rule as to the appointment of legislation to be first to come under it. On many occa-

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Assembly on Thursday Mr. Young asked the Premier if the rule of the Government with regard to the introduction of deputations be introduced by any member, or was the privilege confined to members of the district interested?

Mr. Young asked whether it was not a fact that the deputation about the Gippsland matters, which visited the Premier by a member for Wallaroo. Mr. Young asked if there was any time at a moment's notice and as Mr. Winter was not present, Mr. Young—-was a member of the Univer-

Mr. Verran—It was a matter of urgency and Mr. Winter had a right to introduce the deputation.

The Premier said that if the deputation asked from the delegation of the House to the Government—these matters were not introduced by any member of the Government.

Mr. Young asked if he had done nothing more than the previous Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Donal®. Mr. Donal®. He said that every member or district should have a right to introduce a concern the needs of his district. What was said in the House was vitally important. Mr. Young said he had by a majority of the electors the State he believed that every member of the House had a right to introduce an important deputa-

Mr. Randell—This was not a district, but a State matter.

Mr. Blundell asked if it would not be a good idea to have these institutions as a matter of common courtesy, notify the House of Assembly in the first instance.

Mr. Verran said he had stated that morn-

Mr. Broad—There were still two right members for the district should be informed.
ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

EXTENSION POLICY.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER.

On Thursday morning Mr. Pounder, M.P., informed the Senate of the marked opposition to the Senate deputa-
tion to the Premier (Hon. J. Verran), and asked for a Government subsidy paid for that purpose. Mr. Pounder had invited his colleagues to be present. He had been informed that the State should be saved from the expense of erecting public buildings, and, in the event of the removal of the seat of government, that the new buildings should be erected, and for the same purpose. The practice of granting the subsidy had existed for many years. It had never been in doubt. During the time they had received a subsidy from the Government for the erection of the Elder Hall and Conservatorium, the Prince of Wales Buildings, and the very much required medical school. They had spent $32,000, and the cost was $32,000.

They did not ask for the subsidy at the time, in consequence of the financial crisis, but they expected that payment when the opportunity arose. They had now an urgent pressing want for new buildings. During the last 10 years there had been an unprecedented expansion of the University. In 1899 there were 301 students, whereas now there were 1,900. The courses were:

- Professors: 8 and 11; lecturers, 16 and 29.
- For 10 years they had received no special grant except a grant of $500 per annum on the endowment.
- During the last six or seven years the Government of South Australia had paid $210,000 for new University buildings. The University had made a subscription to the endowment of $210,000, and had received $47,000, and $16,000 had been spent by the endowment on the new buildings between 1893 and 1895. They wanted an expansion of the library, which was crowded out, additional rooms for schools of chemistry and zoology, and additional accommodation for the law school, which was to come from rooms to rooms. There was also a need for geology and mineralogy departments, and the establishment of a college for theological studies. The buildings required would cost $11,000, and they would be at the disposal of the Government school, and be $3,500. They wanted to begin the work at once, and have it completed by March, so as to be ready for the work of the University. In regard to ground space, Mr. Pounder said the University of Queensland had 120 acres, while Adelaide had only five acres. He asked Mr. Verran to see to it that poor people in the city might enjoy fresh air and light enjoyment. Instead of being kept in the hospitals against the life in the country. In that sense the Destitute Buildings could not be put to more worthy use than bringing that about. The Senator had made a statement in support of the building fund, and he was very much impressed, that is to make the Education Block complete the University, which had no wings, the two blocks to which he had referred. Then they would have a site which would be the envy of every country town, and the admiration of visitors to their shores.

- Letter from R. R. Smith.-

He had just received the following letter from Mr. Barr Smith, who had part of the money that had been given to the University by Sir Samuel Ward:—I am very sorry I am not able to make my presence felt in the députation to the Premier today. I hope you will be able to make some progress, and get a public use to which the land you are applying for is so necessary to the health of the University and to the interest of the University. I am looking forward to seeing the progress of the new buildings, and I am looking forward to seeing the progress of the new buildings, and the new buildings, and I am looking forward to seeing the progress of the new buildings.

- Questions in Assembly.-

In the Assembly on Thursday afternoon Mr. Young told the Premier, in answer to questions from members of the House, that the Government had signed the declaration as the introduction of an intimation. Mr. Young stated, "We deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opposition, and we deal with the Opp
DIGNITY.

A Deputation Dialogue.

Premier and Sir Samuel Way.

It was a deputation from the University to the Premier on Thursday morning. Everyone was well in good humour, and all seemed happy and bright. After making a brief speech, respctively there are three or four members for the District of Adelaide, and always make up the minds that when deputations are going to be introduced to me that the members do not afford to the right of speaking to me. I don’t want to be too kind, but still I maintain that I am not going to receive the deputations as above, and if we are the District of Adelaide, who have been appointed by the great body of the people, are going to have the rights of their privileges.

The Chancellor of the University (Sir Samuel Way)—Who are the members for Adelaide?

Mr. Young—There is Blundell, Donn, and myself.

The Premier—Pender, Anstey, Denny, and myself.

Sir Samuel Way—Mr. Premier, I wish we had had some information of your having had down this new law. We are waiting on you on behalf of the University.

The Premier—Sir Samuel Way—For 30 odd years I have had the privilege of representing the University, and this is a new departure, which we are not accustomed to see. I am in the lade, I think it is not out of want of respect for the members of the district that I come here without the more usual courtesy that any one would say that you won’t hear us.

The Premier—I shall always say that, our Honour.

Sir Samuel Way—Oh, will you?

The Premier—Your long-standing position in this State as a member of the Government, the town and members of Parliament certainlly would give you full acquittance with the rights of members, and the privilege you might have.

Sir Samuel Way—I am not taking advantage of any one.

The Premier—|don’t want to be unkind or discourteous, but we shall uphold the dignity and honour of the University and the country have been appointed by the dectors of the City of Adelaide to represent them.

Sir Samuel Way—I think you misunderstand what I said. For 30 odd years I have had the privilege of representing the University, and this is the first time that such a practice has been adopted. I have been present at deputations to your immediate previous State, and to his present seat, and it has never been suggested before that we were to be introduced by members for the district.

The Premier—Oh, well that is the stand I take.

Sir Samuel Way—No, not until this moment.

The Premier—I don’t mean to say that you would be disrepectful, but your way is too kind to do that.

Sir Samuel Way—This is all new to me. We had no indication of any change of practice. The University of Adelaide is a local institute. Mr. Premier, this institution is for the whole State.

The Premier—I quite agree with you there.

Sir Samuel Way—I should think you should hear me. Still, we have sent for the Attorney-General. We would be glad to be introduced by the Attorney-General. The Premier doesn’t want to be unkind. We are not a local body, and you are asking the Government for certain important matters. I am a member of the Government, and therefore, coming for the Government, I understand that if I let be done in this instance, then I am just a simple member of Parliament, and if you allow people to come here as deputations and ignore the wishes of Parliament, I am at an end, and I am against that.

Sir Samuel Way—We are not a local body, we seek for power to the whole State, and we seek for power to the State, we desire to be heard, and we desire to be heard.

The Premier—We won’t find two men all agree.

Sir Samuel Way—We all have our individuality. This deputation comes on a matter of great public importance. I have been informed that you desired us to be introduced by one of the members for the district, we would have been glad to do so.

The Premier—I thought it would be understood that the members for the district would have been considered in their proper status.