THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

PROVIDING FOR EXPANSION.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER.

On Thursday morning a deputation from the Adelaide University waited on the Premier (Mr. Butler, botany) towards the end of last year. At that time they were paid off the customary subsidy for the new buildings which had been erected, and for the same reason the building department is at present inoperative. Since the foundation of the University, the subsidy paid has been doubled, and the buildings have been extended to 7 acres & a bare 10floors. They had not obtained payment for the buildings for the last eight to ten years. Such large buildings were being erected as the University and Prince of Wales Theatre had been constructed at a cost of £25,000, the subsidy was £25,000, and the buildings had been occupied for 20 years. Large gifts for the purpose of endowing the University were made, the money being utilized in providing buildings. The money had not been approved for, because of the government wanting a precedent in which the State was then placed. During the last four to five years there had been an unprecedented expansion of the operations of the University, and there was a pressing need for new buildings. While in 1895 they had 10 students, the number was about 1000. During the same period the number of professors had increased greatly, from 10 to 45 lecturers from 14 to 25. The fine block of buildings, which had been erected in the last 10 or 12 years, with the exception of Princess Place, had cost £100,000 for new University buildings, while in Victoria the University had cost £200,000. The cost of building the University had paid £27,000 extra in grants, and had spent £15,000, which was new buildings at £15,000. It was stated at the deputation which waited on Mr. Butler in November last year, that the works they were urgently needed were described as the following—first, a library; secondly, a large student union; thirdly, a gymnasium; and accommodation for the above. There was a large demand for the buildings, and when they had asked that the amount be increased by £10,000 they were turned down. The students made a common room urgently necessary, and the number of men of the second year worked at 21,000. On that amount they asked that the amount be increased by £10,000. The whole of the buildings must be erected during the vacation, since the building department, in order to complete it before Easter break, so as to make the University proper for the beginning of the term in January next. They were a great deal to his late government, and the then University Government insisted on the appointment of a University Administration. (The deputation then proceeded to the Premier—that is very likely, SA.) He supported every government that he had been in, but he could not change his policy if he pleased them to be wrong. He was the University of Sydney comprised 138 acres, and the University of Adelaide institution only had five acres. If the expansion to which he referred had been placed upon the University, what could they expect to do? Mr. Butler stated that the University was going to hand the Destinute Asylum block over to the Commonwealth. He would not allow the University to have any land, and they would have to take the main points raised, (1) as to new buildings (2) as to the area of land, and (3) as to the area of land. (Applause.) Mr. Butler added that the University had a conservative institution, which young men and women who entered on the land would benefit. He hoped there would be a deputation on the land to enter on the land. On the land on which the Destinute Asylum was to be built, he had always liked to see a training college for teachers.

INTRODUCING DEPUTATIONS.

QUESTION OF COURTESY.

In the House of Assembly on Thursday afternoon Mr. Young asked the Premier if he would allow the University to have any land, and the Premier, in reply, stated that the University was going to hand the Destinute Asylum block to the Commonwealth. He would not allow the University to have any land, and they would have to take the main points raised, (1) as to new buildings, (2) as to the area of land, and (3) as to the area of land. (Applause.) Mr. Butler added that the University had a conservative institution, which young men and women who entered on the land would benefit. He hoped there would be a deputation on the land to enter on the land. On the land on which the Destinute Asylum was to be built, he had always liked to see a training college for teachers.