Adelaide University Extension Lectures.—On Friday evening, Prof. Osterley Read, the chairman of the committee of the University Extension Society, delivered a lecture in the Institute Hall, under the title of "The People's University," to a large and enthusiastic audience present. The subject of Friday night was "History as an Art," and the lecturer illustrated it by a series of well-chosen examples of historical events and characters. The first was the life of St. Francis of Assisi, who, as the founder of the Franciscan order, is regarded as one of the most important figures in the history of the Church. The second was the story of the Great Rebellion of 1861, which led to the establishment of the Union of South Africa. The third was the life of Garibaldi, the Italian patriot, who fought for the unification of Italy. The lecturer dwelt on the heroism of Garibaldi and his followers, one long experience of love for humanity, but his spirit was one of humanity and brotherhood. He believed that the best things in life and cheerful poverty was the ideal. Francis was not an intellectual being, but he was a spiritual genius, and his message was a message of Christian charity. The lecturer expressed the opinion that such a spirit could be caused on a person by the influence of a great man, and the conclusions attending the impression of the spiritual through a desire to experience the life of the living. The lecture was well received and highly appreciated by the listeners. A number of lantern slides were shown at the conclusion of the lecture, consisting of portraits of St. Francis, and the other two heroes. There was a great deal of enthusiasm among the audience, and many of them expressed their satisfaction with the lecture.