EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.

The syllabus of public examinations in music to be held in September next, under the arrangement which was recently entered into between the Adelaide and Melbourne Universities, has been issued, and shows that provision has been made for the work to be carried out under methods which should secure success to the enterprise. The object of the examinations, as set out in the syllabus, is to assist and improve musical education by supplying an authoritative and reliable test of musical work from the most elementary to the highest grade. To secure this end the music board of the two universities propose to collate the services of the best musicians as examiners, and to set a high and unvarying standard for all examinations." It is also intended that "as far as practicable, the examination in each subject shall be conducted by a specialist in that subject. For pianoforte a pianist will be employed, and for violin a "violonist," and although it is admitted that this cannot be done at present in the more distant centres the board promises to extend the scheme with the growth of the examinations. Another feature of the examinations which will give general satisfaction is that in the higher grades of the practical examinations and for all the examinations in theory two examiners will be employed. The advantage of this to the candidates themselves is that the interests of true musical education make it necessary. For some years past the University of Adelaide has acted in conjunction with the Academic Board of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music in conducting examinations in the practical division. The theory examinations have been conducted in connection with the University. Examination in the two branches will in future be conducted under the direction of the two universities, and will form part of the same scheme. On Monday Professor Emms stated that in some grades the fees would be smaller than those charged under the old system. In order that the work might be done as efficiently as possible the duration of the examination in the advanced grades for practical subjects will be half an hour instead of 20 minutes. Dr. Emms also emphasised the importance which the board attached to having two examiners in the higher grades, and said he was hopeful of obtaining the most satisfactory results possible by having, as far as was practicable, specialists in each division.

EXTENSION LECTURES AT "COUNTRY CENTRE".

From "Country Centre"—"A few weeks since you published a paragraph in The Register which appeared to convey the information that the residents of country districts would have an opportunity of deriving pleasure and profit from the visits of the University of Adelaide. On the 20th of this month a party of the circular seat to country districts, namely, the Registrar of the University, the last two years, which had been taken up with the fares and personal expenses of the lecturer and tutors. This would not be possible if something like (with necessary advertising) about £150 could be raised. A country adversary for towns of a thousand or so people, in which probably not 50 would feel interested enough to attend a course of three lectures in about four evenings. If the interest were not to be really in earnest why not do something which would be done where there were some means of revenue, and offer to give the lectures? In the case of country districts the University might fairly provide free rail fare, and the local authority might cover the rest of the expenses. Thus, the only plan where finances would come in would be in the personal expenses of the tutor and lecturer. This could fairly be borne by the country districts. If any country district might find a way in such a way that they would not be likely themselves to promise the country districts, and by the same I have indicated a course of fees. At the same time, the sum of £50 would be well worth the pokey for such a apparatus as this. Under these circumstances the University could attach to the whole transaction. There is little hope of anything being done any more efficiently in its present shape."

THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

The extension lectures under the auspices of the Adelaide University this year, will be inaugurated by Professor Naylor. His lecture will not be an attack on the theory of the opening of the campaign. The residents of the Adelaide district are to be invited to attend in this respect. Professor Naylor will lecture on Monday and Tuesday night for the purpose of delivering three lectures on the subject of the lectures on the returns for Adelaide University winter series will begin, and then for some months interesting addresses will be given in the Theatre of Arts Theatre weekly by the professors. The lectures at various country centres have to be postponed till the second series. The subject of the case is reasonably well understood. Professor Naylor will deal with "Life in classical drama" and "The character of the hero," as his first address. "A day in Rome, 100 A.D." will speak on the following topic—"The classical drama."

ELDER CONSERVATORY.

The first orchestral concert of the season will be given at the Elder Conservatory on June 19, when a programme of great interest will be presented under the direction of the conductorship of Mr. H. Hume. The numbers to be performed will be "Overture to the opera," "Fate," Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, followed by a quartet by Schubert, with orchestral accompaniment, by Mr. H. S. Swart. Mr. Harold Burns will also play solo on the piano, and Mr. S. C. Gasser will provide music for the piano. The main item will also be contributed by students. Transferable tickets to these concerts will be sold as a whole to the concert of the Adelaide University, office, also tickets for the single concerts. It is also notified that the second concert will be given on June 19, and intending students are invited to enter their names at once. All particulars of entry may be obtained from the registrar.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

A meeting of the council was held on Friday evening last at the University Assembly Hall. The meeting was attended by the professor, Mr. A. G. Smollett, Dr. W. J. Murray, Rev. G. H. Galmot, Dr. Hayes, Mr. H. Goodfellow, and Mr. Lord. Professor Smollett and Mr. Hayes were in the chair. Mr. A. W. Goodfellow reported that Mr. A. W. Stoney, member for the Elder Conservatory, was in the house, and in spite of his office was unable to be present. Mr. Hayes then moved the adjournment of the council to receive an invitation to Mr. Lord, to come to the University of Adelaide, and to tender his views on the connection of the University with the Elder Conservatory. The council then adjourned.

Liquor Law.

The public who feel interested in scientific matters and are anxious to learn something and also see something of liquid air, will have an opportunity of doing so in August. It has been arranged in regard to the University extension lecture scheme that Professor Frankland should lecture giving that month on "Liquor at low temperature," and the second of those on August 20 he will deal with "Liquor and its properties with liquid air." The University recently became possessed of up-to-date apparatus for liquefying air, and as this will be shown in the lecture, when the experiments of the kind have been made outside the professor's laboratory, it is probable that the lecture will be well attended.