The aim of the Workers' Educational Association, Mr. Mansbridge explained, was to enable the workers to continue their education by the exercise of their own powers of mind and spirit, and by placing him in communication with the most scholarly in the world. There were a large number of Australians in isolated places who were struggling to develop their education. The association got in touch with these men and women, of whom the country should be proud, and where these were close proximity would bring them together. Where the students were too scattered for this, they would be in contact with a scholar by other means.

In many cases this has been done by the association already, and Mr. Mansbridge was surprised at the number of unattached students of whom he had heard during the few weeks he had been in the country. The association would speak to the gospel of education in the present corner of the State, and then out into the country. For education systematically, and bring it into contact with the best supply. The principal educational bodies would be willing to take part in the work, and their help would be available to the local committees, which would owe their growth from the State branch of the association. The meetings to be held or lectures, etc. would be conducted by trained educational leaders. The aim of the branch, said Mr. Mansbridge, was to act as an intermediary between teacher and pupil. Its success depended upon the cooperation of the workers. With that it would succeed, but only with that. A few years it could not keep on, though they would find it. The number of people studying by themselves showed the need for the organization, as it would exist to help them who should avail themselves of its aid.