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A LITTLE FURTHER
TOWARDS THE EDUCATION CITADEL

FORMATION OF WORKERS' ASSOCIATION

For the great strides in education made by South Australia the people are indebted to the Labor Party. The spread of education is the greatest achievement of bums, and when it has held power it has been put at the disposal of power, everything which tended to hinder the movement for better education has been used to do so. With the growth of the working-class the primary school in the university it had seemed that nothing was left to do. But the lack of the impartiality of the movement saw an opportunity to work up an agitation in the knowledge 'The Visit of Mr. A. E. Mansbridge, secretary of the Workers' Education Association, to London, gave an opportunity for a discussion on the subject in the university. There was much interest in the gathering of the most remarkable gatherings ever held in Adelaide. At that meeting a resolution was passed which, after having the endorsement of the Trades Hall, was to be considered by the members of the association. The resolution called for the establishment of a Workers' Educational Association in South Australia. The significance of the meeting was that Mr. Mansbridge said, in the face of such an organization already formed, that it was not a matter of the government, but of the members of the Trades Hall, who had paid a visit to London in order to consider the matter in detail. The conference was called on October 17, when representatives of a large number of unions met at the Trades Hall. A study of the copy of the New South Wales Association Acts, 1912, was made, and an invitation was sent to the meeting by Mr. Mansbridge, the proposed constitution of a similar association in South Australia, and the delegates to obtain a definite idea of the organization of the Trades Hall. The associations to be considered were to be non-party, non-sectarian, and democratic, and it should, in the main, consist of representatives of educational and working-class organizations, each of which would have to be represented upon the governing council. It was suggested that the University, the School of Mines, the Technical School, and the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery should have two representatives each. Such a constitution would ensure the fullest opportunity for educational and social affiliation from the outset. A sub-committee was appointed to draft the provisional constitution in consultation with the provisional committee. After that work was finished it was to be submitted to the Trades Hall, where a decision would be made at which the draft constitution would be considered, and that the Workers' Educational Association should be considered as an existence automatically, because it already existed in a state of development. Mr. Mansbridge stated that the constitution would be as simple and useful as possible, and that the Trades Hall had already been asked to consider the matter. The registration of the Trades Hall, which had been cancelled by the registrar, was to be reinstated, and the Trades Hall was to be considered as an existent organization, under the name of the Workers' Educational Association.