NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

WANTED—MORE MEN AND MORE MONEY

INCREASE OF GOVERNMENT GRANT ASKED FOR

PREMIER REPLIES SYMPATHETICALLY TO INFLUENTIAL DEPUTATION.

According to the stores told by the deputations from the council and staff of the Adelaide University which visited the Premier last Monday, the financial situation of the university in this State is in serious danger of falling far behind the standard of the universities in the other States of the Commonwealth. For nearly an hour Mr. Peake listened to the recital of the needs of the different branches of higher education, as outlined by the professors, and was so impressed that he made a sympathetic response, and promised aid. He was aware that the government had made an attempt to meet the demands of the students, and the financial and otherwise of the university, subject matter which is covered in the following:

What is Wanted.

In December, 1933, the council prepared a statement of the needs of the university for the information of the select committee of the House of Assembly on the university and higher education, afterwards formed into the Royal Commission on Education. It is now known that in 1933 the commission was not drawn up, and some of the views have been altered since then. It is interesting to note that the increase provided by the government, after an interim report of the commission, may be about £1,500,000. Perhaps the statement of the present needs of the university for submission to the government, which is now tabulated on the final report of the commission, will be of interest.

The help already received, the council has been able to increase the salaries of the professors and lecturers of botany, and to build up and equip a laboratory, and to make considerable additions to the university buildings for the accommodation of the proposed courses of study. However, a number of very pressing needs which must be met if the university is to continue its operations are not covered by the income generated by the increasing demands upon it, and even since the date of the last statement the number of students has increased, and some departments, particularly the laboratory accommodation requirements, are at that time insufficient. In the final report of the Royal Commission it is stated that it found a number of pressing needs which would have to be met if the university was to continue to grow. However, the pressing nature of the demands should not be underestimated. To keep the university going, it is necessary to provide adequate accommodation, to increase the income of the university by the tax on the extent of about £1,500,000 a year.

Summary.

The total amount of the several heads of income may be summarized as follows:

(a) New annual expenditure—visiting staff, £20,000; equipment, £5000; total, £22,000.
(b) New buildings and equipment for laboratories, £25,000.
(c) Equipment for the new laboratory building, £25,000.
(d) New buildings and equipment for the new library, £25,000.
(e) Additional Annual Grant for Equipment, £25,000.
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"An additional annual grant of £25,000 per annum for the library, £25,000 for the laboratories, and £25,000 for contingencies consequent on the establishment of new departments.

The above statement represents the immediate requirements of the university, but when a School of Agriculture is considered, in which case degree and above the generous gift of Mr. Peter Watt, is established, as well as schools of Dentistry and Agriculture, other staffs and classes will be required. In the event of the Government taking action in this direction, it would be desirable for the university to grow by considerably, and in the present scheme of public examinations and agriculture, it will be necessary to establish an income of £25,000 a year by the tax on the extent of about £1,500,000 a year.