MEGEBURNE, September 1.

Following the special services held in
Protestant churches on Sunday, during
which the ideal of church unity was ad-
vocated, the council of the Union of
Christian Churches announced its decision
to hold a conference in the town hall
today. The Rev. Alexander McCallum
presided. All the Protestant
denominations were represented.
Mr. McCallum stated that
what the outcome of the conference
would be, but that most
authors could hardly
prophecy.

The Rev. F. C. Spurr said the
atmosphere in the Melbourne University
was hostile to Christianity. Mark
the difference between Adelaide and Mel-
bourne. In Adelaide none of the
professors were Christian gentlemen, and
the atmosphere surrounding them made it
not difficult for the students to preserve
their Christian faith. He said frankly
that for many years the atmos-
sphere of the Melbourne
University had been rather arid,
and men had had to fight for their
faith. If there were a united church they
would see a new atmosphere, and thereby
obviate said danger, as he had experienced.

The conference adjourned until tomorrow.

THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

FOR THE FUTURE.

The University of Adelaide commenced
on Monday. This is the first term in which all
the examinations for diplomas and
undergraduates will have a
practical time during the next few months.
The lectures courses will end on October 24,
and the normal examinations will con
mence on November 6. The examination
of candidates on the theory and practice
of music will begin, during the current
months, the former branch having been
fixed up. The practical division have yet to be
arranged. The combined universities of Melbourne,
Adelaide, Queensland, and Tasmania are
now using the same syllabus at all:
their examinations, and there is an interchange
of the professional staffs between the
universities on these occasions. It has not yet
been decided who will conduct the musical
examinations in Adelaide this year.

LONDON, August 23.

A large number of eminent scientists of
Great Britain have intimated their intention
to visit Australia next year for the
purposes of attending the meeting of the
British Association for the Advancement
of Science, to be held at Melbourne.

This year's meeting of the
association will be opened at Birmingham
on July 10 under the presidency of
Mr. Oliver Lodge. The men of science who propose proceeding to the Australian meet-
ing in 1914 include the following:

Dr. William Butter, M.A., F.R.S.
(Hon. D.Sc., Sheffield), Birkbeck, London;
Professor of Science; President of
the Institution of Civil Engineers; Honorary
Fellow of the University of London, and Fellow
of the Royal Society; author of "Theoretical
Mechanics," etc.

Dr. Henry Edward Armstrong, F.R.S.,
who is Professor of Chemistry at the City
and Guilds College, South Kensington, and
who carries the Royal Medal of the Royal
Institution in 1911.

Professor W. J. Ashley, M.A., Hon.
F.R.S., President of the Royal Institute of
Science, and Professor of Botany in the
University of Durham, who will lecture on
"Respiration," one of the subjects of the
recent Royal Institution "Chemical" course.

Dr. Henry War Insight, F.R.S., who
was Professor of Biology at the University
of Edinburgh, and who is now engaged in
visiting Australia on account of the
activities of the Royal Society in connexion
with his "Comparative Anatomy of the Bird.

Mr. Alfred Gibbs, M.C., F.R.S.,
Professor of Botany and late Professor of Biology in
the University of New South Wales,
and late Professor of Botany in the University
of Toronto, and late Professor of Botany in
the University of Edinburgh.

Mr. R. H. Brown, F.R.S., Professor of
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