EXTENDING THE UNIVERSITY.

There was a time when many people in South Australia were sceptical regarding the possibility of establishing an effective University in Adelaide. It was feared that the costs would be little or no attempt was made to establish such an institution, because they half-doubted the practicality of the higher education in a successful manner—partly, perhaps, because the idea of a University was then that such education would be purely academic. But the University was founded in due course, and now it should be remembered that University—"More money, more buildings, and more room for them." The University has long passed the stage of novelty and its advantages are now clearly recognised that the cry in nearly every direction is for "more University," and not for less, or none. The requirement behind the cry is threefold, in the names of economy, education, and convenience of living—"more money, more buildings, and more room for them." The University should be housed in the Lennox Asylum long ago, and the University premises are consequently already overcrowded. The University occupies the best available site for its purposes in South Australia, and the time has come to extend it.

The Chancellor of the University, in another of his important functions, is the best possible place in view of the increase of emigrants and the School of Mines and Industries. The Destitute Asylummates have repeatedly been promised better quarters, and they are now to be taken away, quite independently of the University's plea for more space. The police barracks are not situated in the best possible location, and if that area itself could not be vacated, and the prisoners in it transported to Yatala, Scottsdale, in which there is plenty of room. The areas on North terrace now occupied by the show sheds, the Destitute Asylum, and the adjoining structures would be of considerable building arrangement, if for all reasonable purposes of the University's revenue, as the Institution at the rear the institutions under the Public Library Board. Adelaide would thus be relieved of the expense of these buildings. The City of Culture, which concentrates its seats of learning in such a sensible manner as to give to students special opportunities and other advantages. The University site could not be applied to any other purpose comparable in value with that for which it is now used. These, indeed, appear to be speaking generally, the views held on the subject by the Premier, who is also Minister of Education; and the chief obstacle, after all, has long seemed to be the removal of old buildings before the securing of the large sums of money necessary practically to reorganise the University— for that, in effect, is what will have to be done.

The South Australian head-centre of learning originated in private bounty rather than through Government initiative; and, although the chief duty of extending its usefulness is a State matter, it is only reasonable to expect that here, as so notably in the United States of America, wealthy citizens will assist by special means in extending to all classes the benefits of advanced education. Not long ago a sort of challenge to this effect was given, and The Register to-day supplies one part of the answer to that challenge. A philanthropic citizen, who declines to permit his name to be published, has promised to contribute $10,000 to what may be most expressively called the University Expansion Fund, on the conditions, briefly, that the Government will supplement, &c. and all other subscriptions for the purpose. The University Council is to provide the University Council with sufficient land for its accommodation in "Education Square," the City of Culture is to take the initiative in the matter, and that the handsome donation now promised will be allowed long to remain hidden. One may fairly assume that the amount contributed by the donor will be acceptable to the Government of course, after due enquiry and consideration. The earlier, however, the application for the funds is made, the better. If the matter may be disclosed, the greater will be the inducement to other liberal South Australians to follow the noble example set today; and if, as now, without giving $10,000, they may easily manage to present that sum minus a few thousand. Even the hundreds will be sufficient for the object, and the way in which it can be supplied is now clearly manifest.

DONATION TO THE UNIVERSITY.

From "Verden Spr."

"All readers will be interested to know that a most generous donation to the University has been received. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has contributed $10,000 to the University Expansion Fund, on the condition that the Government will match it. This donation is a significant step towards the expansion of the University and will greatly enhance its capacity to educate the people of South Australia."