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The amount proposed for education is £285,297. Among the increases are £1,400, salaries and allowances to students at the University Training College; £1,730, lecturers and teachers for Grote Street High School; £1,800, in respect of district high schools; £1,000 for teachers in public schools; £11,500, teachers in provisional schools; scholarships, £830; travelling scholarship for teachers, £200; Adelaide School of Mines, £600; Kindergarten Union, £213. The Public Library vote is placed at £8,287, the same as previously, but the grant to the Institutes Association is increased by £315 through extra requirements for subsidies.

A VOICE FROM ANTARCTICA.
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WIRELESS MESSAGES.
HOBART, September 27.
To-day the Hobart wireless station received the following message, sent by Mr. Sawyer (wireless operator on Macquarie Island) to Mr. Eitel (Secretary of the Australian Antarctic Expedition):—"At 2 o'clock this morning I received a faint signal from Adelie. I answered so soon as I could, and also called him for a considerable time, but he did not hear me. The only distinguishable words I received were 'Please tell Pennant Hills if working,' and also the words 'I cannot call to-night.' I am keeping patient watch, but conditions are extremely unfavourable." This is the first message which has come from the antarctic, and Mr. Eitel expressed the hope that regular communication would be established when conditions improved. He said that when the machinery for the Macquarie Island station was being landed the transformer was damaged. Mr. Hannam (the wireless operator at Adelie Land) said, "I can mend that," and took it with him, sending his own transformer ashore. Evidently the job of mending it was a longer one than had been expected.

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.
The members of the Education Commission—Mr. T. Ryan (chairman), the Hon. A. H. Peake, M.P., A. W. Styles, M.L.C., and Messrs. E. W. Coneybeer, M.P., A. McDonald, M.P., and T. Green, M.P., and Mr. W. Henderson (secretary)—returned to Adelaide from Melbourne on Tuesday. They went to the Victorian capital on Thursday last for the purpose of taking evidence from officials of that State in regard to primary and technical education. It is understood that this is the last trip of the Commission out of the State, and that it will now proceed to consider its report.

Dr. E. Harold Davies left by the mail steamer Mooltan on Thursday for Western Australia, to undertake the practical examination in music of the Universities of Melbourne, Adelaide, Queensland, and Tasmania. He expects to return by the Marmora on October 12.

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UNIVERSITY DEGREE EXAMINATIONS.
Intending candidates for the degree and diploma examinations to be held in November next, are notified by advertisement that October 21 is the last day of entry. Forms of entry may be obtained at the University.

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A HUGE BILL.
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EDUCATION IN VICTORIA.
MELBOURNE, September 27.
The South Australian Royal Commission on Education took evidence at the State Parliament House to-day. The witness examined was Mr. Frank Tate (Director of Education). Mr. Tate gave an outline of the work of the Education Department and the State system of education. The constitution and functions of the Board of Classifiers were explained at length, and Mr. Tate stated that not only did the inspectors change districts frequently, interchange on schools, and work together so as to secure uniformity, but each inspector spent one week of every year in the department, handling the reports of other inspectors.
The Chairman (Mr. Ryan)—That is the best thing I have heard in Australia.
Mr. Tate—If the commission proposed to recommend a promotion list in South Australia it would be doing it with its eyes open. It could be taken for granted that that system had given the department an infinite amount of trouble. It was the natural result of dealing with human beings, that if 20 were selected from 100, the 20 might be pleased, but 80 would be displeased. There would have been no tragedy of Othello had there been a promotion list. (Laughter.)
Mr. Coneybeer—Have you experienced any difficulty in keeping up your staff of teachers?
Mr. Tate—We have the difficulty with which all Education Departments are faced in good times. When there are good times outside it means bad times in the Education Department.
The Chairman—Proof positive that the teachers are not treated as well as they might be.
Mr. Tate—In 1908-9 the cost of the teaching was £578,133, and the calculation for next year was that in the event of the Teachers' Bill now before the Assembly being agreed to, it would be £713,421. The average daily attendance was 151,000, so that the cost of instruction would be increased by more than £1 a head—to be exact by £173,288.
The Chairman—A wonderful jump. How many teachers have you?
Mr. Tate—Of permanent and junior teachers, 5,572.
The Chairman—Next to New Zealand you have made the biggest jump in salaries.
The commission inspected the work of the classes at the Working Men's College this evening, and it will meet again to take evidence to-morrow.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY
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THE MAGAZINE CONTROVERSY.
Melbourne, September 29.
Another disturbing element has arisen in the relationship between the Professorial Board and the Students' Representative Council of the Melbourne University. Each of these bodies recently appointed a sub-committee to confer on the question of the "Melbourne University Magazine." This was the outcome of an editorial that appeared in the first issue of the current year of that journal. Dr. Isaac Jones (Trinity), president of the Students' Representative Council; Mr. A. C. Fraser, M.A. (Ormond), vice-president; Mr. Rex Hain, LL.B. (Ormond), the editor of the magazine, and Mr. K. McK. Doig (Ormond), an undergraduate, were elected as the sub-committee of the Students' Representative Council to meet in conference Professor Orme Masson, and three other members of the Professorial Board, Professor Masson acting as their chairman.
Last Thursday Dr. Jones received a letter from Professor Orme Masson, informing him that the sub-committee objected to Mr. Hain being on the delegation on the grounds that "he was understood to be the author of the article in question."
Dr. Jones has replied that careful consideration had been given as to the advisability of Mr. Hain being a member of the delegation, and that a ballot had been taken and resulted in a unanimous decision that Mr. Hain should remain on the delegation. It was regarded not as a personal matter, but one involving principles of the utmost importance to undergraduates. There could, therefore, be no alteration in the constitution of the sub-committee of the Students' Representative Council.

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CRESWELL SCHOLARSHIP.
At a meeting of the council of the University of Adelaide on Friday, the finance committee reported that the capital sum collected to provide scholarships in memory of the late John Creswell would shortly be paid over to the University, and that a number of scholarships would be provided in the commercial course. The council appointed a subcommittee to draft regulations in connection with these scholarships.

The council of the Adelaide University on Friday appointed His Honor Mr. Justice Murray, Professors Henderson and Chapman, and Mr. J. R. Fowler, members of the Rhodes Selection Committee for 1912.