THE MUSIC TEACHERS' CON

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A stimulating question, "Why do teachers fail?" was discussed at a recent meeting of the Department of Education, Adelaide, by Miss E. M. Thompson, Assistant Director of Education. Miss Thompson said that one of the most common causes of failure was a lack of preparation. She recommended that all teachers should spend at least one year in a university or college, studying the principles and practices of teaching. She also pointed out the importance of continuing education for teachers, as the field of education was constantly changing.

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The eighth concert of the 1882 season was a success, with two soloists, a composer, and two performers. The programme included works by Beethoven, Mozart, and Chopin, and was well received by the audience.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Four or five weeks ago Professor Sir Edgeworth David, lecturing in this city, "A People's University," said: "The University of Adelaide is remarkable for its liberal education. It is not only in admitting women to the benefit of higher education but in teaching them in every branch of knowledge that we are equal to the best schools in the world."

David noted the interesting fact that the University of Adelaide was the first in Australia to grant degrees in science, to establish a law school, and to found a medical faculty. The University is also noted for its excellent teaching, thorough democratic institutions, and Commonwealth political institutions. Its teaching is not only free, but more so in the case of women than in any other university in the world. This is due to the fact that women are not only admitted to the University, but are encouraged to pursue their studies, and are given the same opportunities as men.

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