A STATE ORCHESTRA.

The recent visit and glorious music of the New South Wales State Orchestra, which was led by Mr. Verbruggen, who is undoubtedly one of the greatest conductors in the world today, has lifted the ambition of the State to form a State Orchestra. This project is under the direction of Professor Dr. Harold Davies, who is also the author of the book, "The Art of Conducting." It is a very ambitious project for a comparatively small capital like Adelaide, but we suffer as a rule from the idea of not having a local or state orchestra. The Director, Dr. Davies, has raised $500 for the first purchase of an instrument, and it is expected that this will be enough to get the project started. The Director will be content to start with a small company of forty-two players, and he will select the best to be devoted to musical education. The University, with his scheme, so that Adelaide will have what has been lacking for many years—an opportunity to hear the best orchestral music of the great masters. The Director is to be congratulated for his energy and enthusiasm, and the gift of organisation which he has displayed. To all who give $100 the honor of life membership will be conferred upon them. Dr. Davies has already displayed a taste for music and a love for it. His concert, in fact, was so popular that it is said to be the best attended in Adelaide this season. It is hoped that this will be a permanent feature of the city's musical life.