A SPECIAL CONGREGATION.

A special congregation of the University of Adelaide, at which the Chancellor will preside, will be held on Monday next, at 5 p.m., in the great hall of the University. It is intended to proceed from the hall to the University Mission, and proceed to the cathedral, where the Governor will open the session of the University, and the Lord Mayor will deliver an address. The ceremony will be concluded by the presentation of a gift to the Governor, by the Vice-Chancellor and the Senate.

A HISTORIC SITE.

Close to St. Augustine lies the Government stock farm and the land where the Department of Agriculture has its headquarters. The site is full of historic memories, for it was through the energy here that Sir Algernon had his idea of establishing a British settlement in the west of South America. It is interesting to note that the site was taken up by the Government in 1850.

Agriculture in the Tropics.

Lessons from the West Indies.

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One would like to begin at the beginning, but in the case of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture it is a little difficult to say, precisely, where that beginning lies. In one sense the training of the students is the beginning of the Department of Agriculture, whose headquarters were in Barbados. This has been established in the Colonial Office, in 1889, with the twofold object of restoring the sugar industry in the West Indies and encouraging the study of tropical agriculture.

In April, 1913, a number of the leading planters in Trinidad passed a resolution in favour of the establishment of an Agricultural College, and this resolution was passed on to the Colonial Office, through the authorities at home, and the Colonial Secretary, Lord Milner, who was Secretary of State for the Colonies, appointed in 1919 a Tropical Agriculture Committee to consider the possibilities.

After many sittings, and the taking of much evidence, this Committee unanimously reported in favour of the establishment of the new college. The location of the college was occupied by adjusting the views of the governing body of the students in Trinidad, there was some little doubt as to what should be the name of the college, and the suggestion of the name "Montana" was given by the Governor, Sir Samuel Wilson, in 1921.

The placing of the College in the island of Trinidad has given rise to a little comment, a little jealousy. But "after all," as Lord Milner said, "it had to be somewhere." And it will be much better little or no delay. Pending the presentation of a petition to the King for a grant of a Royal Charter of Incorporation, the new College was established under the Companies Act. The license was dated September 2, 1921, and this date may be regarded as the beginning of the College.