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UNIVERSITY LANDS AND CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

Negotiations are in progress and approaching completion between the Government and the University for the return to the State of all the lands now dedicated to that institution. Under the Act of 1874 50,000 acres were set apart, to be held in trust, for the purposes of the University. At that time the upset price of country lands was £1 per acre, and the grant was intended to be equivalent to £50,000. Since then some of the country has depreciated in value, and is not worth that amount today. Of the total area 10,000 acres is in the Hundred of Tatiara, between Wolseley and Custon. This is regarded as fit for closer settlement. At present it is held by two tenants, whose leases will shortly expire. The other lands are outside Govder's line. In the Hundred of Brownlow 10,000 acres, on the Murray Flats, near Eudunda, at a place called Craigie's Plain, is leased to one man; 15,000 acres in the Hundred of Wirreanda, near Cradock, is divided among four people, while the remaining 15,000 acres in the Hundreds of Gumbowie and Parnaroo, north-east of Terowie, is occupied by 17 people. The leases are for varying terms, and the University receives about £1,800 a year from the whole of them. The idea of the Government is to give the educational authorities a sum of money based on a valuation of the country and take back the blocks, which might then be cut up for smaller holdings. It is only fair to mention that except in the case of the sections near Terowie the University has never been asked to reduce the size of the blocks, and in this particular case the application was favourably dealt with. At one time the Government offered to take the portion in the south-east, but this was declined on the plea that all or none should be acquired by the State. If an agreement be arrived at the Government will seek the approval of Parliament.

THE CHARACTER OF HAMLET.

The character of Hamlet was the subject of Professor Henderson's second Shakespearean lecture, which was delivered at the University on Tuesday night before a very large audience. The lecturer observed that Hamlet was a splendid failure, and his failure was consequent upon inaction. Hamlet was not incapable of action. He was stirred by impulse, and was clever at scheming and counter-scheming, but he had not the action of a statesman—the man who conceived a policy and carried it through to a finish. Hamlet failed in the highest form of action, which was based upon the union of intelligence and will. He suffered from melancholy, and was a mass of nerves. He had not the Greek virtue of temperance, and though he was in many respects noble, he lacked force in the core of his being.

POPULARIZING THE UNIVERSITY.

In connection with the experiment which will be made to-morrow night of employing the Adelaide Town Hall for University extension lectures Professor Henderson will take the opportunity to discuss some public aspects of education matters. His main purpose will be to show that the University is the people's institution, and in this relation he will deal with the question of extension lectures as affecting country centres. In view of Professor Jordan's recent observations on the methods and ideals of American universities and their service in promoting personal effectiveness and industrial and national development, it would certainly be interesting to hear from so competent an authority as Professor Henderson what may be said for the Adelaide University and its effort to popularize higher education. A recent Melbourne comment on the distinguished visitor's address pointed out that the first-class American university, with its comprehensive and full staff of professors and teachers who were in a position to specialize and progress and make original research, had the advantage over its Australian contemporary of magnificent endowments, while the latter was financially handicapped and was comparatively stunted by the State.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS.

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Primary Examination in Theory of Music, June, 1907.—Pass List—Verna Letitia Beatrice Everall (Miss E. Hilditch), Gwendoline Hussey (Convent of Mercy, Angas-street), *Doris James (Dominican Convent, Kapunda), Vernon Clifford Lanyon (Miss R. M. Hooper), *Harriet Allison Rennie (Miss H. M. Thompson), *Florence Nell Stirling (Miss E. Ingleby).

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The increasing popularity of the Hamlet lectures by Professor Henderson, and the inability of many to secure tickets owing to the limited accommodation offered by the Prince of Wales Theatre, have led to the suggestion that the Town Hall should be chosen for the concluding gathering. At the Adelaide University to-night "The character of Hamlet" will be repeated, and the professor will then ascertain whether the change of venue is desired. If so, the third and final lecture on "The teaching of Hamlet" will be given at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, and in consequence of the issue of several hundred additional tickets it will not be repeated. Failing this arrangement, the series will be concluded at the theatre on June 25, and the repeat lecture will follow two evenings later.

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ANGAS ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP.

The examination in connection with the Angas Engineering Scholarship took place at the Adelaide University last week. It is understood that only one candidate sat, and that the result will be made known shortly.