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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

Professor Beagrie delivered his fifth lecture on "Radiation" at the University on Wednesday evening. He showed and explained some experiments on complementary colors, and color photography due to Dr. Joly, of Dublin, a description of which had just arrived from England. He said it was much the most perfect system of color photography yet achieved. One or two simple experiments in illustration were shown. The lecturer then went on to speak of invisible radiation, and explained the simple laws of radiation of heat, showing the existence of it by means of the thermopile. Some illustrations of the difference were shown of the radiating and absorbing powers of different surfaces. There was a good attendance.

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JOHN BURGESS sarcastically said of Universities that they are places where men learn dead languages and undying prejudices. This was, in some sort, a protest against academic narrowness and exclusiveness by a man great enough to be indifferent to an answering charge of vulgar Philistinism. The University system has so far responded to popular criticism as to consent in recent years to a material enlargement of its educational functions. Long ago, of course, the Scotch democratised their Universities. In England, however, the University Extension movement, now so general, came about as a tardy recognition of the fact that these great institutions may be usefully employed in other work than merely the manufacturing of graduates. Their vast resources enable them, if they will, to become influential instruments for the diffusion of a wider and higher culture among the people generally; and the spirit of the times has compelled them to expand in that direction. The Adelaide University has brought itself up to date by cordially adopting the principles of University Extension, and it is to be hoped that the response of the public to this interesting and important departure will signify equally cordial appreciation of the efforts put forth on their behalf. The lectures on science, literature, and history which have been arranged for make up an excellent opening programme. We have, in this community, no leisured class of any considerable number, and to a great extent the pursuit of the means of material well-being overshadows every other occupation. Even in its ordinary and regular sphere our University attracts far more of that class of students who desire to obtain an equipment for the prosaic, everyday business of life than of the seekers after knowledge for its own sake. This is, however, no more than might be expected from existing social conditions, and disinterested devotion to art and letters will only become more general as population advances and wealth accumulates. But even now the University is needed for the small but growing number of those able to make full use of its facilities for higher education, and University Extension is similarly desirable for the much larger number who have sufficient leisure for less systematic and ingrossing but yet profitable studies. The very fact that the resources of the institution lie in part unutilised at present suggests a *raison d'être* for the University Extension movement. The University is under an obligation to increase its usefulness if it can do so, and we make no doubt that its entrance upon this new field of action will be fully justified by the results. Few lives are so busy that some part of them at least cannot be set apart for intellectual culture. Given the opportunity, many will gladly seize it, and the University Extension lectures will no doubt rapidly increase in public favor.

Register 5th September 1895.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.—The second series of popular lectures arranged for by the Council of the University will commence next week. Professor Beagrie will lecture on Wednesday on "Home—its origin, history, architecture, &c." These lectures will be illustrated by lantern views. On Thursday Professor Kempe will begin a course of six lectures on the "Atmosphere—its constituents, &c." These lectures will be illustrated experimentally as far as possible, and will contain references to more recent investigations. Professor Beagrie will lecture each Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Professor Kempe's lectures will be given each Thursday at 8 p.m.

TEACHING AND PLEASING THE PEOPLE.

Professor Beagrie's statements to a member of our staff concerning the University extension lectures are of special interest and importance. The report of the interview published in to-day's Register merits careful consideration by a wide circle of readers. Not until we had advocated the idea of the lectures for a long time was the old conservative prejudice against it broken down, but there is reason to believe that some of those who opposed it have now been convinced by experience that they were wrong in their antagonism. The addresses which have been given by Professors Beagrie and Mitchell seem to have been successful, making due allowance for the fact that no movement can