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Special Meeting of the Finance Committee.
held on Friday, 5th May, 1922 @ 8 p.m.

Business:

To discuss with the University College Provisional Committee the proposal to establish a University College in Ballarat.

Present:

Representing the School of Mines' Council:-

The President (Mr W. H. Middleton) in the chair, Vice Presidents D. Maxwell and F. Barrow and the Principal (Mr A. F. Heseltine)

Representing the University College Provisional Committee:

Messrs A. S. M. Polson, M. Lachlan and J. Hurley
An apology was received from the Treasurer (Mr W. T. Humphreys)

Mr A. S. M. Polson in introducing his Committee referred to the recent meeting of the ^{General} ~~General~~ University Committee at which the members now present had been appointed to wait on the School of Mines' Council to ascertain to what extent the Council was prepared to assist the movement in connexion with work in Science.

The President Enquired what general meetings had been held as neither he nor Mr Heseltine had been asked to attend any meetings since the first.

Mr Hurley explained that the meeting referred to by Mr Polson was a Finance Meeting of the University Committee and Mr M. Lachlan added that he would arrange for Mr Heseltine to act on the Committee if desired.

Mr M. Lachlan then stated that the Provisional Committee desired to have some definite proposition to submit to the Premier and enquired if the School Council would be prepared to provide lectures and laboratory facilities up to Grades 1 & 2 in Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, ^{without charge, except perhaps a small laboratory fee}. The College would undertake to pay the School's lecturers at the same rate as part-time lecturers and the students would pay their fees direct to the College. The College would also pay the difference between the salary of a Junior lecturer and the amount required for a senior lecturer.

Mr Hurley emphasized the need for a University College, as under existing arrangements many young students were unable to qualify for the highest positions in the Education Department & trained teachers were very difficult to obtain. He knew of five good teachers in Ballarat who could not rise owing to lack of academic qualifications. He asked the School to cooperate by ^{giving} ~~providing~~ lectures in Science subjects.

The President said that the Council recognized the need of facilities for higher education in Ballarat but urged that no scheme should be submitted to the Government which would involve a duplication of equipment and classes.

The Principal said that owing to the differences between Mr Heseltine the Technical Schools syllabus & that of the University it would be impossible for the School's lecturers to teach both simultaneously. The School could teach up to ^{Part 1 & 2 in} Nat. Phil, and Chemistry, Pure and Mixed Mathematics provided that other lecturers were