

The experiment succeeded. The syndicate was made permanent, and invested with power to organise and superintend courses of lectures wherever the requisite funds should be guaranteed from local sources. And with the appointment of this syndicate the real history of the movement began. The method on which the lectures and classes were to be conducted, was prescribed by the syndicate.

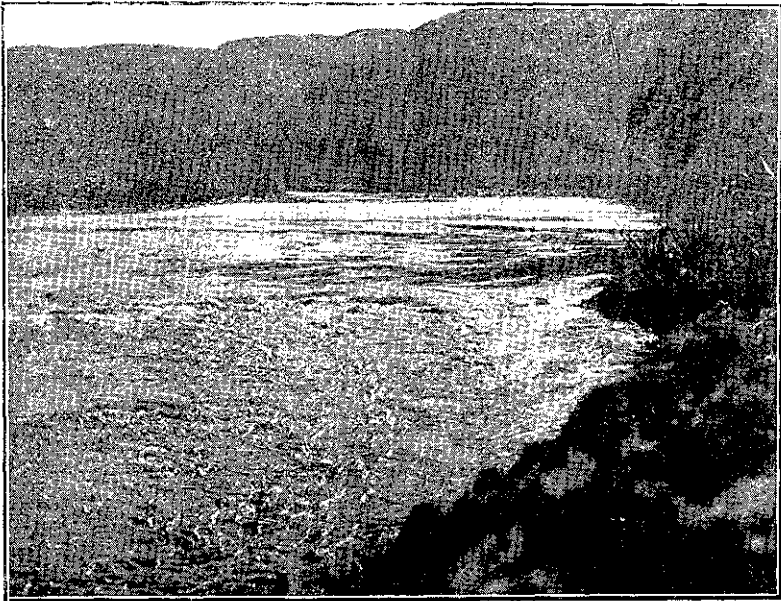
The lecture was to last an hour, and to be either followed or preceded by the class. In the class, the lecturer was to deal in detail with

candidates as satisfied the examiners.

At first the lectures were arranged with very little system, but this proving very unsatisfactory, they were placed on a permanent basis and continuity of study provided for.

The courses usually consist of not less than ten lectures, and reading unions have been formed bearing on the subjects of the lectures.

No one who has attended the Extension lectures in England, and seen how energetic, ambitious, and intelligent the students are, can



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The rippling sun-kissed waters of the Pomahaka.

such portions of his subject as required a more colloquial treatment, and to comment on the papers sent to him during the preceding week. A full syllabus of each lecture was to be placed in the hands of every student, and this syllabus was to contain questions, written answers to which the students were invited to send to the lecturer for annotations and corrections. At the end of the course an examination was to be held by an appointed examiner, and certificates granted to such

doubt the success of the scheme, if introduced in New Zealand. The benefits of it would extend to a very large number in every town. Besides those men and women, who would probably not take up the classes in connection with the lectures, there are the teachers in the Public Schools, who at present have no opportunity to carry their education on to a higher plane, and an immense number of girls and lads who also on leaving school have no chance to extend, or even