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BARR SMITH LIBRARY IS PALATIAL

Handsome Gift to the Adelaide University

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Miss M. B. Hyde Wins
Elder Scholarship



PALATIAL is the word that best describes the Barr Smith Library, which is nearing completion in Adelaide University grounds. It is a

gift from that large-hearted philanthropist Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, and cost £34,000.

The structure will be finished in the next few weeks, and then the library staff will begin to move the 50,000 volumes from the present library in the main building of the University.

SITUATED east of the refectory, the Barr Smith Library is at the south-western end of the old Jubilee Oval. From the top floor a beautiful vista is unfolded. To the east are the Mount Lofty Ranges, and to the north the tree-covered slopes of the Torrens, with the spires of St. Peter's Cathedral in the distance.

It is a handsome addition to the University's already fine range of buildings. The students will have quiet surroundings for their reading, the building being "far from the maddening crowd" and away from the noise of traffic.

That is, perhaps, a disappointing feature, for its beautiful architecture, of which there is little superior in Adelaide, will not be readily seen by the general public, or interstate and overseas visitors. It would have made a fine addition to the several classically designed buildings on the North terrace boulevard.

AN English renaissance design was adopted for the Barr Smith Library, which, with its red brickwork, beautifully ornamental corices in cream finish, and red tiled roof, at once makes a striking appeal. Two features, however, stand out above all others—the portico and main reading room. There are few architectural beauties in Adelaide which are superior to the portico at the main entrance which faces east. The Bridge limestone has been



ARTISTRY IN EVERY LINE is revealed in the front elevation of the Barr Smith Library

used for the steps and the stately rounded columns, which carry a massive and attractive design in concrete.

The heavy front doors in Manchurian oak have been heavily panelled with an artistic design in bronze. The top of the main steps is paved with terrazo, in which a design has been included of the University coat of arms.

The other specially attractive feature is the main reading room (on the first floor), which measures 60 ft. x 125 ft. The ceiling, which is 34 ft. high, is elliptical and is comprised of deep coffered panels handsomely finished in buff, with gold facings. Along each side extends a long row of English classical columns, which add to the harmony of the architectural effect.

Excellent furnishings are being provided in this room for the students who will have the advantage of a diffused natural light in day time, and abundance of electric light at night. Their comfort has not been overlooked, as each reading

desk will have an electric radiator. Special shelves surround the walls, and in these the books will be placed in their proper classification, making it easy for students to obtain authorities on the various subjects.

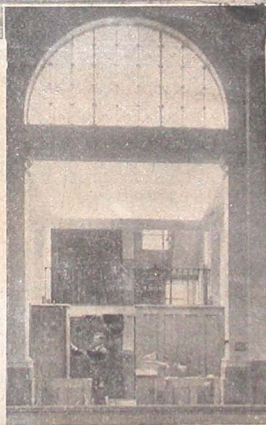
THE reader's entrance is situated on the north side. Some of the chief woodwork is in Manchurian oak. A large amount of Australian oak has also been used. On the second floor (top floor) a special room has been set aside for the professional staff. It is attractively panelled in Queensland maple, and is at the southern end. A similar room on the northern, and will be utilised as a map room. Provision is made on the ground floor for the stacking of bound copies of newspapers, and also as a storeroom for books.

No date has been fixed for the official opening of the building, but it is likely that the ceremony will be performed early in March.

Architects for the building were Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Laybourne Smith & Irwin, and the contractor was Mr. H. S. C. Jarvis, of Croydon.

The structure will stand as a monument to the craftsmanship of South Australian workmen.

LATEST ADDITION TO MANY ATTRACTIVE BUILDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE



TWO VIEWS OF INTERIOR —

Left, Looking through the doorway to the stairs — right — Elliptical ceiling with coffered panels in buff relieved by patterns in gold.

Mail 22-11-31

News 1-12-31

Dr. H. Baselow, of Adelaide, lecturer last night on the Anthropological Institute of Central Asia. A cable message from London.

News 3-12-31

Prof. L. G. Melville, economic advisor to the Commonwealth Bank Board, reached Adelaide this morning by the Melbourne express on a short visit. Prof. E. O. G. Shann, professor of history and economics in the University of Western Australia, also travelled on the train. He is returning to Perth from Sydney.