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Foreword

I earnestly commend this Appeal to all who are interested in the University of Adelaide. Every one should endeavour to contribute something, however modest the amount may be. Some day the growth of the Union may render it desirable that the War Memorial should be moved to another site, but for the present it cannot be better placed than under the care of those who are the heirs of its glorious inspiration.

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Chancellor.

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HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT.

MHE need of a Students' Union and of a building for their accommodation was felt quite early in the history of the Adelaide University. This need found expression in a movement amongst the students in 1896-97, which resulted in the raising of £750, with which the present small Union room for men was built. At a later date the women students formed a Union, with a constitution approved by the University Council, and were granted the use of a room in the University, and subsequently of a small cottage in the old Police Barracks. This accommodation, both for men and for women, has long been inadequate. At the close of the Great War, when the need for a War Memorial was recognized by the University, it was decided that it should be incorporated in the project for a Students' Union Building. But no site was available for the fulfilment of these schemes, until during the past year the University obtained the fine strip of land on the flat facing Victoria Drive, when the University Council at once allotted the eastern acre of it as a site for the Memorial and Union Building. On the occasion of the University Jubilee Sir Josiah Symon, K.C.M.G., made a generous gift of £10,000 for the erection of a Women's Union. This building, which will be erected immediately, as a separate unit, will be known as the Lady Symon Building, and will occupy the western corner of the land set aside for the project. It will form a complete self-governing unit for the social life of women students, as Manning House does in the University of Sydney.

A corresponding building for men will also require £10,000. It is estimated that the Dining Hall and equipment and the Cloisters will together cost £22,000. The amount collected by Professor Henderson at the end of the war has increased with interest to £7,322. During June of this year he came to Adelaide, and by further personal appeals collected £4,932, making in all £12,254, leaving a sum of £20,000 to be collected.

The generous response to his appeal was due to his argument that "before the appeal is launched it should be clear in the most substantial

manner how thoroughly the Council and Professors individually have the cause at heart." The following is a list of the contributions from Council and Professors:

Council:

The Chancellor, £1,000; The Vice-Chancellor, £1,000; Hon. Sir J. Langdon Bonython, £1,000; Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, £1,000; Sir Joseph Verco, £500; Mr. J. R. Fowler, £250; Mr. E. W. Holden, £200; Mr. W. J. Young, £200; Sir George Brookman, £100; Dr. A. M. Cudmore, £100; Mr. W. J. Isbister, £100; Hon. Mr. Justice Angas Parsons, £100; Prof. J. McKellar Stewart, £100; Dr. F. S. Hone, £60; Mr. W. R. Bayly, £50; Prof. E. H. Rennie, £50; Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, £25; Prof. R. W. Chapman, £25; Dr. Helen Mayo, £25; Prof. T. Brailsford Robertson, £25; Dr. W. Ray, £21; Mr. A. Grenfell Price, £20.

Professors:

Prof. A. L. Campbell, £100; Prof. J. B. Cleland, £50; Prof. E. Harold Davies, £100; Prof. W. K. Hancock, £100; Prof. G. C. Henderson, £100; Prof. C. Stanton Hicks, £100; Prof. T. Harvey Johnston, £100; Prof. Kerr Grant, £100; Prof. Sir Douglas Mawson, £100; Prof. T. G. B. Osborn, £50; Prof. J. A. Prescott, £100; Prof. A. E. V. Richardson, £100; Prof. Sir Archibald Strong, £100; Prof. J. R. Wilton, £50; Prof. F. Wood Jones, £100.

Other contributions amount at present to £3,466, including:

Mr. John Barker, £1,000; Mrs. T. O'Halloran Giles, £500; Mr. M. L. Mitchell, £500; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Turner, £200; Mr. C. Rischbieth, £150; Mr. R. W. Bennett, £100; Mr. President Brown, £100; Mr. J. G. Duncan-Hughes, £100; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hudd, £100; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hughes, £100; Mr. Howard Lloyd, £100; Mr. W. A. Magarey, £100; Mr. J. W. McGregor, £100; Mr. H. Law Smith, £100; Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Jory & Laybourne-Smith, £100; F. H. Faulding & Co., Ltd., £100; Dr. W. R. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, £50; Mr. G. J. Cowie, £50; Dr. A. A. Lendon, £50.

Further lists will be published in the press and the later editions of this appeal.

Enthusiasm for the project in the University is not confined to the Council and Professors. The undergraduates themselves are helping. The Arts Association Ball added £60 to the general funds.

The women students organized a "Pageant of Learning" for the furnishing of the Lady Symon Building. Their successful effort produced £548, which included generous donations from Miss Murray, Mrs. Barr Smith, Mrs. Harry Dutton, Miss Eva Waite, Miss Lily Waite, and many others.

A general meeting of the students of the University unanimously carried a resolution pledging themselves to a voluntary levy of not less than $\pounds 1$ a year for the next three years.

THE BUILDINGS.

The plan as now projected comprises the Lady Symon Building for women students, a corresponding building for men, a common Dining $Page\ Eight$

Hall, and Memorial Cloisters. The first two are to front the Victoria Drive; the Dining Hall will lie behind, immediately north of the Darling Building; and the three will partially enclose a sunken lawn of about 100 feet by 50 feet, round which will run the Memorial Cloisters, containing on their western side a memorial bronze. The whole design will be in red brick, and the style Georgian, in keeping with the later buildings of the University.

The Lady Symon Building, which is to be erected first, will consist of three storeys. The semi-basement will contain all dressing-room accommodation, including bathrooms, dressing cubicles, lockers, etc. On the ground floor will be an attractive entrance hall, from which will open a large assembly or debating hall, and also two smaller committee rooms. The upper floor, with an open balcony above the entrance hall, will provide a fine library, a common-room, and three small rooms, one of which is to be fitted as a rest room.

The Men's Union Building will have a similar general design.

The Dining Hall building will be about 150 feet by 50 feet. It will contain the necessary kitchens and quarters for a resident caretaker. The hall will be provided with concertina partitions, and may be used for large gatherings or dances.

The Memorial Cloisters will be a unique feature of the group of

buildings, and can be made a very beautiful memorial.

THE PURPOSE.

Although the exact form of the University War Memorial has frequently been discussed, it has always been felt that its purpose would be best achieved by associating it in some way with the Students' Union. The unavoidable delay in launching the Union Building scheme has unfortunately thus delayed the appeal for a War Memorial until memories are growing dim. A generation of students is arising which does not realize that 470 members of the University served overseas in the Great War, of whom 63 gave their lives for their country. It is most important that the traditions of service built up by these men shall not fade, and that the University shall play its part in keeping green the memory of its sons who served their country in its greatest hour of need.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."

Founded with these ideals, the Memorial Cloisters will more and more afford in later years the opportunity for memorials to members who have faithfully served their generation in times of peace.

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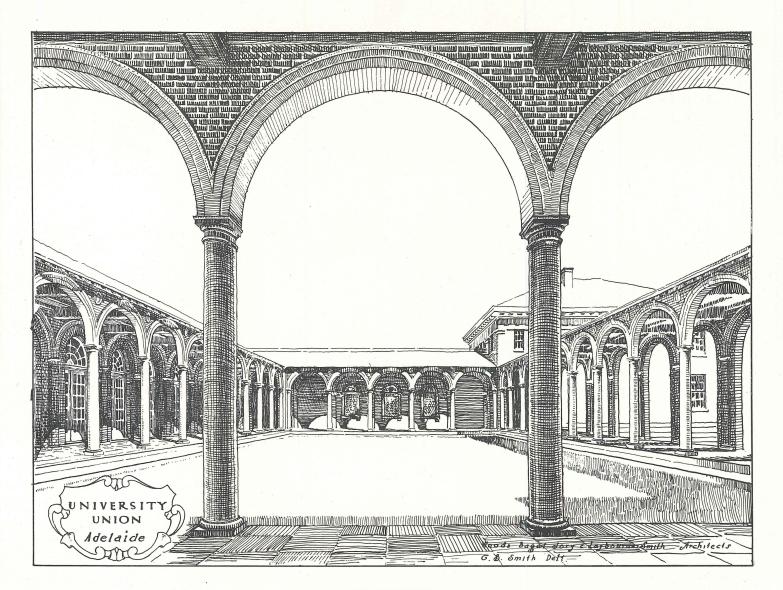
The Students' Union Buildings for men and women are also designed to foster in present and future generations of students great ideals and an unselfish community spirit. The University Council, the Graduates' Association, and the different Student Associations hope that these buildings will unite all members of the University in quite a new way, and will form a common centre for all those University activities which lie outside the curriculum, yet play an important part in developing a true community life and spirit. These presuppose a common meeting ground, and in a University where this can never be supplied for all students by Residential Colleges, a central Union Building is essential as a unifying force. Every extension of the University makes this need greater. With the erection of each new teaching building the Faculties grow more scattered, and it becomes increasingly difficult for the students, graduates, and staff to meet one another regularly and obtain the great benefits which should be reaped from the social side of University life. It is not intended that the Union shall absorb those societies which have built up the life of the University in the past, but it is hoped that the Sports Association, the Students' Christian Union, the Magazine, and the various Faculty Associations will make the Union Building a common centre and home, and that mutual contact and wider facilities will greatly increase their activities.

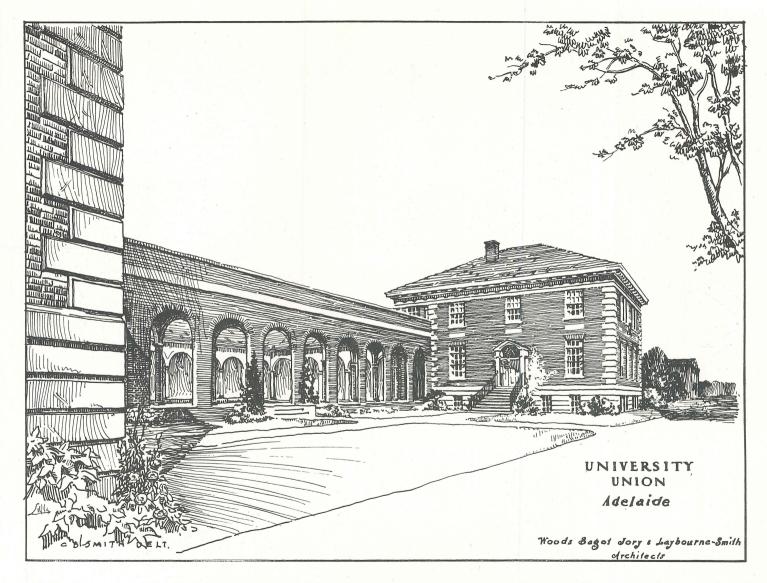
Thus the Students' Union of the University of Adelaide aspires to be more than a Students' Club. It is hoped that it will touch the lives of the students from many angles, and will exert a direct and powerful influence by giving them a real sense of membership in an academic family, and making them conscious of a very noble tradition which it is their duty and privilege to maintain. Furthermore, it is hoped that the Union will not only serve the active interests of actual members of the University, teachers as well as undergraduates, but will also help to bridge the gulf of time and space which too often separates the graduates from the University. Here will be a place where the present and past generations may meet, and here will be fostered that lasting loyalty and ésprit de corps which are essential to the welfare of any true seat of learning. These ideals are best summed

up in the famous dedicatory inscription of Hart House, Toronto:

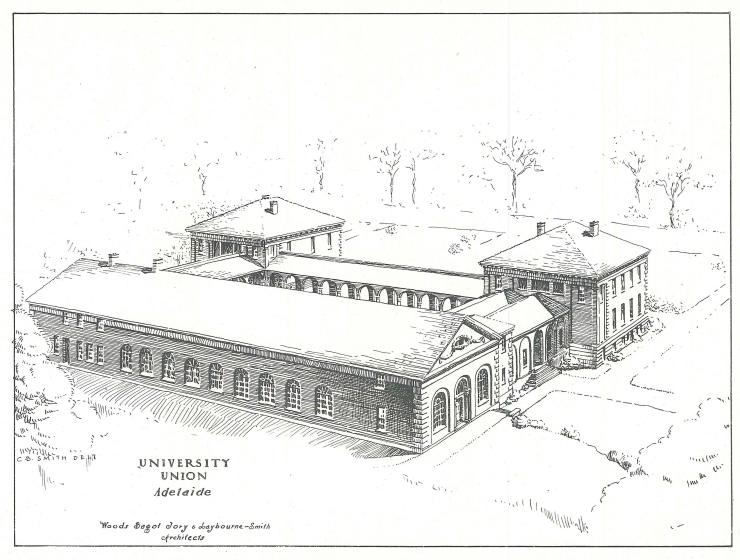
"The prayer of the founders is that this House may serve, in the generations to come, the highest interests of this University by drawing into a common fellowship the members of the several colleges and Faculties, and by gathering into a true society the teacher and the student, the graduate and the undergraduate; further, that the members of this House may discover within its walls the true education that is found in good fellowship, in friendly disputation and debate, in the conversation of wise and earnest men, in music, pictures, and the play, in the casual book, in sports and games,

and the mastery of mind and body."

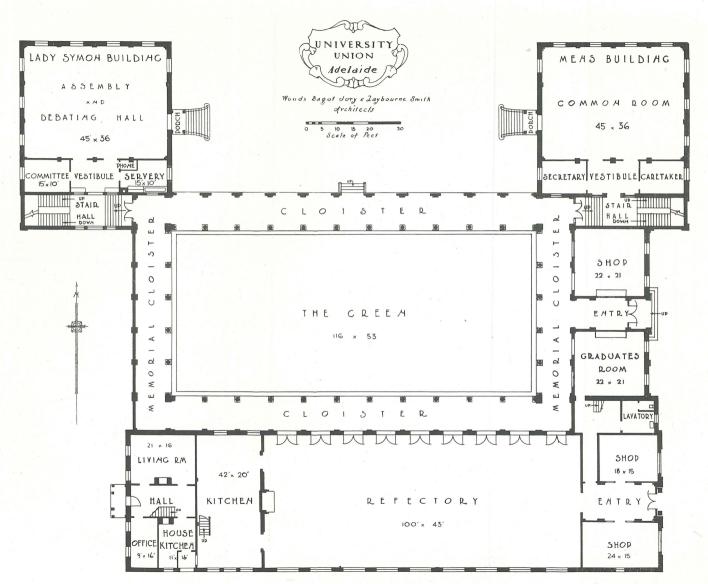




NORTHERN ELEVATION, SHOWING JUNCTION OF LADY SYMON BUILDING WITH THE CLOISTERS.



VIEW FROM THE SOUTH-EAST, SHOWING UNION BUILDINGS WITH DINING HALL IN THE FOREGROUND.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN.

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A total subscription of £100 or more will entitle the donor to be permanently enrolled as a Benefactor of the Union. A total subscription of £9 9s., which may be cumulative over a period of years, will entitle the donor to Life Membership of the University Union.

The Union can be benefited by adding a codicil or by inserting a clause in a new will as follows:

"I bequeath to the University Union, Adelaide, the sum of £ : : , free of all duties."

To F. W. Eardley, Esq., Registrar, University of Adelaide.

- (a) Herewith I give the sum of £ : : to the General Funds of the Students' Union and War Memorial.
- (b) I promise to give the sum of £ : : to the General Funds of the Students' Union and War Memorial in each of the years 1927, 1928, and 1929.

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