

**THE BARR SMITH LIBRARY.**  
The library of the University was originally placed on a satisfactory footing by the benefactions of Mr. Robert Barr Smith, who in and after 1892 presented the University with £20,000 for that purpose. In 1920 the sum of £11,000 was added by members of his family as a permanent endowment. For years the library has been in the main building, but although additional space has been made available from time to time it has outgrown its accommodation. To provide it with a suitable building, £20,000 was donated by Mr. T. E. Barr Smith early this year, and Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Jory, and Laybourne-Smith were commissioned to draw the plans for the building, which will be erected facing Victoria-drive, alongside the Union Building now in course of erection. During his recent visit to Sydney Mr. Laybourne-Smith conferred with the University authorities there on the subject, and Mr. Bagot, who on a visit to Britain and the Continent, also acquiring information regarding similar buildings abroad. In accordance with the deed of gift, the building has to be completed by 1922.

**ADELAIDE VARSITY  
TURNS DOWN  
BRILLIANT SCHOLAR**

**Einstein Expert**

**Lesser Men Honoured**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** is still striving to maintain its reputation as the champion State for pushing its promising young men out into the cold, and keeping them there. The case of Henry Brose is only one of many.

**BROSE** was the son of an Adelaide winemaker and finished a brilliant scholastic career at Prince Alfred college with a bursary that carried him on to the Adelaide University. At the Varsity he took a science course and devoted himself also to mathematics and physics, passing with honours in

both subjects. Tennis and lacrosse, or physical science and several of the other sports, occupied portion of his leisure, and he reached top honours in both. A splendid musician, he also quickly became a leading figure in musical circles. Naturally he was in course of time selected as a Rhodes Scholar. That was just before the war. His intended spending the long vacation in Germany in company with a son of Rev. Dr. Howard, then of Adelaide, when hostilities broke out and the two of them were interned. During his enforced stay Brose was engaged by the German Government to give lectures on scientific subjects, afterwards securing a tutorship in a private family.

During his stay in Germany he devoted himself to a close study of the Einstein theory, and later became one of the first men to introduce and popularise that intricate subject in England. He wrote a volume on it that is to-day recognised throughout the scientific world as a standard work. Later he was appointed to the Nottingham University, where he is now a lecturer and demonstrator in physics.

Recently he visited Australia in the course of a world tour and applied to the Adelaide University for his Doctor of Science degree, submitting an original thesis on an intricate branch

**ALSO REC.  
ADV. 1. 9. 27**  
Misses Stella Sobels and Olive Dyer who took the main parts in the opera "Hansel and Gretel," performed by the Conservatorium opera class last week, were invited by Dame Nellie Melba to sing before her at Government House last night. Mr. Clive Carey took them there. Dame Nellie said she was impressed by the voices of the girls, and that they both showed promise.

REC. 31. 8. 27

**UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE.**



The beautiful residence and grounds of "Strathspcy" at Mitcham, the home of the late Sir John Duncan and Lady Duncan, which the members of the family propose to transfer to trustees for the purpose of a residential college in affiliation with the University of Adelaide.  
The view taken in Presbyterian circles is that the benefaction is an event of the first importance to their community. The residence of the late Sir John and Lady Duncan fulfils all the requirements of a residential college. A well-known leader of the church in referring to the gift, on Tuesday said:—"On rising ground and commanding a glorious view of the shining waters of the gulf, with stately trees all about, abundant scope for outdoor sports, and sufficiently screened from public gaze to allow of uninterrupted study on the part of the students, few places could vie with it as a residence of the gift. For a young man to attend lectures increasing numbers attending our University, there can be but one opinion as to the time he spends in common with his fellows, is not conducive to mental concentration in any department of knowledge. There is needed an atmosphere congenial to the student mind, in which the temptations to fritter away one's time are reduced to vanishing point, and where the sense of a common life, common loyalty, and common discipline and responsibility are the controlling factors. The Duncan family are greatly to be admired and thanked for the gift of the home which had meant so much to him and to his brothers and sisters in days gone by—the tutelary spirit—would continue its guardianship over the students. Surely a sentiment worthy of the occasion, and not impossible of fulfilment. May every success attend this residential college."