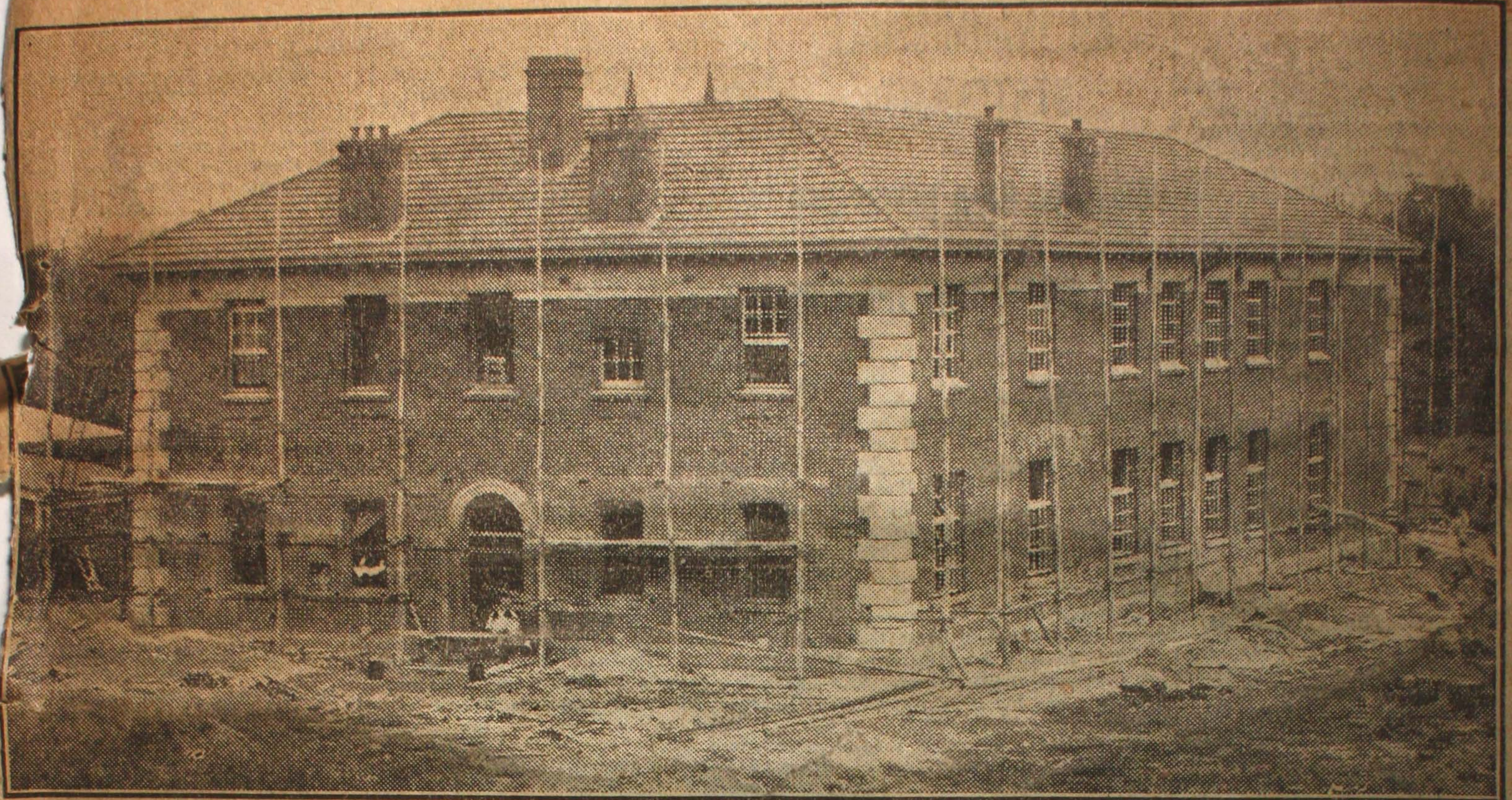


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# NEW SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY.



ADDITIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY.

This building is being erected by the University of Adelaide for the purposes of scientific and industrial research.

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Harold Parsons recently completed his service as violoncello master on the staff of the Conservatorium, to which he was appointed on the completion of his musical studies in Germany and Italy. A number of his musical friends are anxious for him to give a cello recital at an early date in the Town Hall, which will not only commemorate his long service at the Conservatorium, but will give the public an opportunity of showing their appreciation of what Mr. Parsons has done to foster and develop a taste for good music. On that occasion Mr. Parsons will play on a fine violoncello, imported from Europe, which is said to possess magnificent tonal qualities. Messrs. William Hill & Sons, the famous London stringed instrument makers, from whom Mr. Parsons obtained his Gabrielli instrument, state that it was sold by Mr. John Hart about 1830, to an English family, in whose possession it remained until a few years ago, when it passed into the hands of Messrs. Hill & Sons. Their opinion concerning the instrument was that it had been purchased in Florence towards the end of the 18th century, many instruments having been brought to England by tourists in that way. They expressed surprise that a duty of £50 could have been charged on an instrument which could not be made to-day, inasmuch as age was an important factor in merit and value, and suggested that there was room for discussion on such a project between the Governments of England and Australia.

## UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

### Great Benefactions

#### HIGHER EDUCATION COSTLY

Last year the State Government assisted the University to the extent of £42,130 8/8. Many private citizens with the cause of higher education at heart have made benefactions through the years to this institution. The total private gifts as set out in the University Calendar for this year amount to £369,940.

That amount is exclusive of the property given by the late Mr. Peter Waite at Urrbrae, Glen Osmond, the estate of Claremont, and part of Netherby, adjoining Urrbrae, and a parcel of shares in the firm of Elder, Smith & Co., Limited.

Universities do not thrive on the fees demanded of students. While it is the object of all such institutions to keep abreast of learning in all its aspects, it is one thing to long for a new faculty and another to find the money for the endowment of such a faculty.

When it was put to university authorities that the Methodist Conference had reaffirmed its decision that there should be a faculty of theology within the University of Adelaide, no comment was forthcoming. That may be due to two reasons—first, that there is not sufficient demand or reason for such a faculty, and secondly that there is no money with which to found it.

The growth of Adelaide University may be directly attributed to the generosity of public-spirited citizens. As far back as 1872 the late Sir W. W. Hughes donated £20,000 for the endowment of a chair in classics and English literature.

#### Excellent Support

The late Sir Thomas Elder began his series of benefactions in 1874, when he gave £20,000 for the endowment of a chair in mathematics and natural science. Nine years later he donated £10,000 for the endowment of a medical school, and between the years 1884 and 1889 another £1,500 was forthcoming in support of a chair of music.

In 1884 that gentleman provided £1,000 for the endowment of evening classes, which have been such a boon to students obliged to work for their living, and in 1888 to enable the council to establish a full medical school he presented another £1,000. It was in 1897 that he sent along £20,000 for the endowment of a school of medicine, and in that year also he provided £20,000 for the endowment of a school of music, and £25,000 as an endowment for general

The late Mr. R. Barr Smith, between the years of 1892 and 1911 subscribed £9,000 for the purchase of books for the university library, and in 1920 his family donated £11,000 for the endowment of that library. In 1903 Mr. Barr Smith gave £1,000 for the purchase of apparatus in connection with university needs.

Mr. T. E. Barr Smith has given the sum of £20,000 for a library building. The only stipulation accompanying the gift was that the building shall be completed within five years.

Mr. John Melrose donated £10,000 for the erection of a chemical laboratory at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute (the gift of the late Mr. Peter Waite).

The Commonwealth Government has increased its grant for cancer research to £700.

In 1903 the late Mr. W. Everard founded a scholarship in medicine through his gift of £1,000.

#### Generous Citizens

The family of the late Mr. John Darling in 1920 subscribed £15,000 for the erection of a building to house the medical school.

In 1921 Sir Langdon Bonython promised £40,000 for the erection of a great hall, and in 1930 that amount will fall due.

Mrs. C. A. Jury in 1921 provided £12,000 for the endowment of a chair in English language and literature, and in the following year Mrs. Jane Marks allotted £30,000 for the better endowment of the medical school and to perpetuate the memory of herself and Mr. George Richard Marks.

#### Conservatorium Concert

Mr. John Horner, the newly appointed organist at the Conservatorium, is down for the greater part of the programme at the first concert of the season on Monday week.

He has mapped out a fine organ programme which will include Bach's "Great Fugue in G Minor," "Variations on an Old English Melody," "Heartsease," by Geoffrey Shaw, which will bring out the pastoral nature of early English music; a "Choral Fantasia" by Harold Darke, dedicated to Sir Walford Davies, Mr. Darke having been his assistant at the Temple Church, and the work being in the nature of a choral prelude.

The French organ school will be represented by a "Piece Heroique" by Cesar Franck, and three contrasted numbers by Louis Vierne, a French organist attached to Notre Dame, Paris, and a former student of Cesar Franck. Some of Dvorak's "Biblical Songs" will be sung by Miss Hilda Gill, and Mr. Harold Parsons will give Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei" on the cello.

The Bach work should be a fine study for the organ, as Bach was a prince of organ players, and wrote with an intimate knowledge of organ building and possibilities.

The compositions of Cesar Franck have had a wonderful revival during the last few years.

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## ARCHIBALD MACKIE SCHOLARSHIP.

The Archibald Mackie scholarship, which was founded in 1916 by the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association and named after Mr. Archibald Mackie, who held the office of secretary of the association for about twenty years, has been awarded to Howard P. Whittle, the son of Mr. Howard T. Whittle, a member of the association. The scholarship is tenable for the diploma of commerce course at the University of Adelaide, and became vacant at the end of 1926, when it was awarded to Mervyn E. Freney. The bursar has, however, resigned the scholarship, as he desires to take up the Bachelor of Science course, thus making the scholarship again vacant. The committee of the association has accordingly awarded it to Howard Whittle.

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The Registrar of the University of Tasmania (Lieut.-Col. L. R. Thomas) was yesterday appointed by the Tasmanian University council a delegate to the conference of the Australian Music Examination Board to be held in Adelaide in May.

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Miss Joan Searcy, of St. Peter's Collegiate Girls' School, has been awarded the Thornber Bursary for 1927. The bursary is tenable at the University, and is awarded on the results of the leaving examination. The successful candidate passed in six subjects, gaining second place in modern history.

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## UNIVERSITY DEBATERS.

Negotiations with the Australian universities are being conducted in relation to the proposed tour of Australia by debating teams from Bates College, Maine, U.S.A., and the University of Hawaii. According to advices received by Adelaide University officials, four of the Australian universities—those of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Hobart—favour a visit from the Bates College team. This college has twice sent debating teams to England. If Bates College team be willing to undertake the tour with the support of four out of the six Australian universities, the debaters, it is expected, will arrive in Australia early in July. A visit by the Hawaiian team, which consists of one Japanese, one Chinese, and one Anglo-Saxon student, is less probable. Only three of the Australian universities—Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney—are prepared to support the projected visit from this team, which requires financial guarantees that are not sought in the case of the Bates College team. The Hawaiian team, if the negotiations be satisfactorily completed, would arrive from China on July 20, and leave for New Zealand on August 9, in continuance of its homeward tour.