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Our Chancellor Comes Good

£10,000 for Men's Union Building

Magnificent Gift of Sir George Murray

No words can express the joy and gratitude that we must all feel at the magnificent gift of £10,000 which Sir George Murray made yesterday to the building fund of the Men's Union.

There is no one whom we would rather have so intimately associated with our new building than our own Chancellor, who has served our University so splendidly and for so long, and now both our dreams have come true—the building is to be commenced early next year, and it is Sir George who has made it possible.

In her will Miss Margaret Murray left the life interest in the residue of her estate to her brother and the remainder to the University. This life interest, however, Sir George very graciously gave to the University recently. This £10,000 to the Men's Union is yet another and quite separate gift from Sir George himself. Our debt to them both is indeed great, and we

sincerely hope that the new building will be called after their name.

Whether we have deserved such generosity or no remains for us to show in the coming years. It is only necessary to compare the large number of gifts to this University with the paucity to the Melbourne 'Varsity to realise how fortunate we are. The Melbourne students have countered their poverty with many splendid efforts of their own; their labors have at last been rewarded and the first walls of their new Union block are soon going up. We must certainly be careful not to become spoilt.

On behalf of the students we offer our warmest thanks to Sir George for his most timely and generous gift.

History.

The 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 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, was most inadequate. At the close of the Great War, when the need for a War Memorial was recognised 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 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 the Lady Symon Building.

Finance.

The present buildings were completed in 1929. Sir George Murray's gift will provide the Men's Union block corresponding in position and size with the Lady Symon, and estimated to cost £8,000, and a smaller two-storey building, linking it with the refectory, to cost £2,500. The arcades joining the Lady Symon to the Men's Union building are to cost another £1,000. Furnishings and fittings, etc., should cost, roughly, £1,000 also.

A further scheme which the Union Committee hope to carry out is to convert the upper storey of Mr. and Mrs. Goodall's house into a supper room, while further kitchens are to fill the lower storey. A staircase will reach the supper room from the cloisters, and it will be linked to the kitchens below by a lift. A house for Mr. and Mrs. Goodall will be either built on to that end of the refectory or built against the wall at present joining the refectory to the Lady Symon. About another £3,500 is required for this scheme.

The detailed plans for the new buildings will be put out to-day on a table in the men's lounge, and anyone who has any alterations to suggest is asked to make them in writing and leave with Mr. Hamilton.

Our Purpose.

The booklet issued by the Union Building Appeal Committee in 1927 finishes up: "It is hoped that the Students' Union 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. . . Here will be a place where the present and past generations may meet, and here will be fostered that lasting loyalty and esprit 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."

'VARSITY PROCESSION

New Developments

Watch the Refectory
Notice Board.

WHAT IS THIS PEACE GROUP?

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is with a feeling that there is very much to be said and yet very little that I can say that I add this contribution to the general shout of joy that must go up from all undergraduates on the announcement of the generous gift of our Chancellor. The Men's Union Building at last! How much we have all heard of it, and thought of it, and how far away it seemed until yesterday afternoon. A castle in the air, or, more precisely, a castle on paper. For the plans have long been drafted. This year they were discussed and to some extent remodelled. Everything was set for the final act. There was but one thing lacking. It was the one thing which could turn these drawings into brick and mortar—the money. The Chancellor had over two years previously given some hint of his eagerness to see the Union block completed, and of his willingness to do something to help to make that goal possible. How amply the seeds of hope then sown have matured and burst to fruition! No longer need the male undergraduates cast envious eyes on the Lady Symon Building. It is indeed a day we shall all remember. It is difficult fully to appreciate our own good fortune. We shall have Union buildings second to none in the Commonwealth. To say that we are grateful seems somehow so inadequate, and yet what more can we say? There is perhaps one thing, and it is this: We feel that if we had the choice of any benefactor we cared to name, there is no other man whom we would so readily and gladly choose as him who has been for so many years the Chancellor of our University, and who has won from all of us and from our elders, too, a respect and affection which are given to few men. We are grateful indeed that the Chancellor has chosen this means of bringing himself still more closely and directly into touch with us, and we hope that he will allow us formally to associate with the building the name of the donor.

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and sign the protest against the Lyons-Gullett discriminating Tariff Policy directed against Japan, our second best customer nation.

Protest, with signatures, will be sent to Canberra and London.

Authorised by the University Peace Group

I wish to express the appreciation and the deep sense of gratitude of every member of the Union, for I know that in this I can speak for one and all, and to thank Sir George for a gift, which, added to that which he has so recently made to the University, is a generous one indeed, and one for which generations of students to come will have good cause to feel thankful.

M. F. BONNIN,
President of the Union.

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—

For many years the dream of a Union Building has been ever in the minds of University students. Such a building was to consist of a Women's Union and a Men's Union Building and a Refectory. All three of these buildings are most necessary adjuncts to the full development and enjoyment of student University life. In 1927 a campaign was started for the erection of such a Union Building, and, through the generosity of many of Adelaide's leading citizens, sufficient funds were raised to build the Refectory and Women's Union Buildings as we know them to-day, but, unfortunately, funds did not permit the completion of the Men's Union Building. Since then several committees have been formed for the purpose of arranging schemes by which funds for this purpose might be raised, and slow but steady progress has been made. The cost of the building made the realisation of the project probable in the distant future only. Yesterday afternoon, however, the generous gift by our Chancellor, Sir George Murray, K.C.M.G., of £10,000 has ensured the construction of the building in the near future. This means that the full aims of student life can now be realised. The men students will have a home of their own where they can spend their leisure moments in friendly association and congenial surroundings, which is the surest path to the growth of a strong spirit of fellowship within the University. I am sure that everyone joins with me in expressing their deep appreciation and gratitude to our Chancellor. Not only will his kind thought be appreciated by us, but its value and permanence will be exemplified in the lives and careers of every student of the future.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN P. McFARLANE,
President Men's Union.

PHOENIX, 1936

A good evening's reading and some pretty talents in the making. This year's Phoenix, which has just appeared, has increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with the Union generally. But, surely, it does not have to be labelled Literary Annual, a damning and unnecessary appellation. We had our Chums' Annual and B.O.P. Annual years ago. "Phoenix 1936" tells all about itself without more ado. And what does Literary mean? "Of, constituting, occupied with literature, polite learning (sic), or books and written composition." No, we want no literary annual, please. And we admire a Selfridge's who do not put their name on the front of their London shop. There is only one Selfridge's in the world. So, surely, with Phoenix? If there are others they are not in the same street. Keep editors and publishers for the title page.

Still, Phoenix 1936 has much wis-

dom. We open at Mr. Ward's Fable of Ug—bellies versus brains. And the brains prevail. Make sure, however, before you change your life to suit the exigencies of Mr. Ward's analysis, whether his alternatives are mutually exclusive. A synthesis of all human characteristics is indicated. As "Something" says in the limbo of "Bread and Cheese": "Separate as you are, you are pretty poor specimens" (that is, bread alone, or green cheese alone, or mental cabbage-stalks alone). "You might make a better job of it if you were all rolled together." Master your scientific background and don't add to the rubbish that mentally dyspeptic artists churn out for quick returns (see Mr. Mercer on the New Art, pp. 62 ff). Behave in terms of what is the real objective situation and be reasonable in your emotions and desires (Mr. Allen on Macmurray, p. 28). This is an excellent book and well worthy of notice in Phoenix 1936.

There is more variety generally this year, and that is a good thing—an increase in stature, we might say. There is verse of every kind; good and bad, extrovert and introvert, and all the rest. The State Centenary could be framed within the extremities of Mr. Ingamells' "Change" and Mr. Ward's autobiographical theme-song. And for realism see Mr. Semmler's "Office Prelude" and "Metropolis." (He enjoyed writing the first part of Metropolis most, I think.)

But I am not going to cite any more. "On Dit" congratulates the editorial committee—Hubert Piper, Margaret McKellar Stewart, and Russel Ward—on a worthy issue.

The last sentence of the Ex Cathedral is ambiguous enough to quote: "The most important writing in this University is that produced by the students themselves; and if they do not write, no amount of admiration for D. H. Lawrence or Lord Tennyson can have any meaning."

The printing (by Hassell) is excellent, and the illustrations have come out well. Every member of the Union is entitled to a copy.

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PROFESSOR CULLIS AT THE VARSITY.

Yesterday Professor Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., Professor of Physiology at the University of London, was the guest of the Women's Union at lunch in the Refectory. After the general crash and crush had subsided, the President, Miss Gilmore, welcomed our distinguished visitor. In her reply, Professor Cullis made some remarks which were heartily approved by most of the women students present. Their only regret was that the men had not been asked to come and listen to what the Professor had to say, and, therefore, "On Dit" brings to the notice of the men a few of the most pertinent points.

"You must be more ambitious," was the first cry to battle. Professor Cullis then narrowed down her field to the University. In the world of education women have had a hard and long struggle. But it is only the first steps to progress that are the most difficult to make. After that everything is smooth sailing. Thus, in the London University it was years before women were admitted to the teaching staff. Now they are regarded as being on an

equal footing with men. We in Adelaide have women lecturers. We should never cease to fight until we have women on our Professorial Board.

The root of the trouble is, according to Professor Cullis, that men think only in terms of men. Women, on the other hand, are not silly enough to attempt to exclude men from authority, and even if they wanted to they would soon find it impossible because men will always refuse to be left out.

If those who heard Professor Cullis' stirring call to arms take her words to heart, it should not be long before women professors have enlightened several of our Professorial Chairs.

To the Editor.

Sir—Not many men would be prepared to let his neighbor come and help himself to whatever he wanted, and in doing so give the family a few jolts. A queer sort of man who would say, "It is a sacrifice; I am prepared to pay."

Why don't we let the germs have their own way. The poor things should not be fought against.

Fancy a man having his home blown to pieces and then chasing the plane with a plate of bread of butter. That's not a man.

But these are not the points so much. "Britain, the World's Policeman," came very near to something quite good and wholesome, and I think, perhaps, he knew this, but did not say it.

Britain has the character, the position, and the principles which are capable of taking charge of world affairs. It is wonderful to see her (if you can see?).

Not much value is placed on the Bible record these days, but this position is just the one that is seen as God's purpose with the children of Israel in the Book. There is abundant and convincing proof that the British nation is the Israelite of the Old Testament.

A nation (commonwealth of nations)—the League of Nations, not a mixed league. Man fixes up a league like the caging of lion, bears, cats and dogs, kaolins and pet lambs. God's plan for a league is all lion.

Britain will fulfil her God-given task as the ruling nation. Whatever she may try to do her end will be that which is set out in the Book.

None of us, either individual or nation, can frustrate the purpose of God, if we have any sense at all we will get into line with His plan and not court disaster by foolish schemes.

Pascoe Gourd, a man known all over the world as an authority on "British Israel," is coming out to Australia soon. You should just hear him.

H. B. HENDERSON.

If you are prepared really to work for peace—

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