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**THE MAIL STEAMERS.**—The R.M.S. Australia, one of the crack boats of the P. & O. Line, will reach the Semaphore on Saturday, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, completing a thirty-seven days' trip from London. The incoming French boat Ville de la Ciotat, from Marseilles, should be at Albany about the same day and reach Largs Bay early in the New Year. The Oceana, the next home-bound boat, is now coming round the coast. At Sydney she took in 1,700 bales wool, 5,097 oz. gold bullion, 424 bags concentrates, 27,955 ingots copper, and 2,928 carcasses mutton. The service of the Nord-Deutscher Lloyd steamers is being somewhat altered, so as to time the departure of the vessels from here differently. The alteration will not take effect till about March next.

**THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—The Council of the University of Adelaide have given notice to the lecturers of the Medical School that owing to the action of the Government in withdrawing the grant of £600 from the School, their engagements will terminate on December 31. In forwarding these notices the Council expresses the hope that some modified scheme for the continuance of the medical curriculum may be prepared early in the year, in which case it will "be grateful to again receive the hearty co-operation of those members of the medical profession who have helped in bringing the Medical School to its present state of efficiency."

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## ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF THE "STUDENTS' ROOM."

His Excellency the Governor on Wednesday afternoon performed the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new "Students' Room" at the Adelaide University. There was a large and representative gathering, including Lady Victoria Buxton, the Right Rev. Dr. Harmer, the Premier, Hon. C. C. Kingston; the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Cockburn; members of Parliament, and a number of University students. In the absence of the Chancellor, His Honor Chief Justice Way, who was detained in the Supreme Court, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. A. Hartley, welcomed His Excellency and Lady Victoria Buxton.

Mr. HARTLEY stated that some eighteen months ago the Graduates' Association, feeling that if it enlarged its borders it would be able to do better work, accepted the proposal to admit undergraduates, and from this sprang the University Union. Canon Poole, who was now in Ballarat, took the keenest interest in the proceedings of the Union, which had now decided to erect the very modest hall the foundation-stone of which was to be laid by His Excellency the Governor. (Applause.) The lack of that chief mark of English University life, the residential influences which operated so powerfully where they existed, was much felt here, and by the erection of the hall the Union was now making an effort to remedy that defect. (Hear, hear.) As much money as they could collect had been got together for the erection of the hall, and although they were not yet in the happy position of being able to pay all expenses, they sincerely hoped that when His Excellency opened the building for them all debts would be discharged. He trusted His Excellency would allow his name to be connected with the University, and he could say that no other Governor had shown more interest in the work of the University than Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton. (Cheers.)

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Mr. GORDON SIMPSON, Secretary to the Adelaide University Union, said that the "Students' Union," as it was popularly called, completed a short time ago the first year of its existence, and the promoters had every reason to feel gratified at the success which had attended their efforts, of which this building was the most striking testimony. Its main object was to promote social life amongst the members of the University, firstly amongst the students themselves, and secondly amongst the present students and the graduates. It was to attain this end that the Union had been formed, and for this its members had been working during the past year. It was felt that, save for personal friendships which had existed among some of the students before coming to the University, or which had sprung up through constant association there, very little was known by the different students of each other. That such a state of things should exist was much to be regretted, and it was to be hoped that the Union would be a remedy, and would unite by a common bond all the students, be they of medicine, law, arts, or science, and thus give an added interest to their University life. The University would then be regarded by all as a true Alma Mater, and not as a necessary evil preliminary to a subsequent career. To effect this purpose, and to make the tie more lasting, it was decided to build a set of rooms at the back of the University Building for the benefit of the members of the Union, to take the place of the cellar which had been dignified by the name of the "Students' Room." To completely finish the building would cost about £500, but as the committee had been unable as yet to raise that amount they had decided to build the main room only at present, which would cost nearly £350. The committee had now at their disposal £260, which had been contributed by the Chancellor, the Council, the staff, and some members of the Senate of the University. A further sum had been promised by the students. They were hopeful that before long they would be in a position to complete the building, so that the students might have at their disposal a convenient and comfortable set of rooms. (Cheers.)

His EXCELLENCY, having been presented with a silver trowel, then performed the ceremony of laying the stone. He stated that it had been his good fortune to meet his fellow-subjects in many parts of South Australia, and to receive a kindly and cordial welcome from them because they received him as Her Majesty's representative. (Hear, hear.) They had given him another opportunity of enjoying that sensation, but he took it that they had received him that afternoon on another account; that was because he was one of themselves. (Cheers.) Recently he had the great pleasure to receive from the hands of the Chancellor the degree of M.A., which he attained at Cambridge in 1859. He owed the degree on the last occasion not to any frivolities connected with books and lectures, but solely as an act of favour—perhaps he might say favouritism—at the hands of those who had the power and responsibility of conferring the degree. He valued it very much as a distinction on this occasion, because it enabled him to stand

enabled him to stand as one of the members of the Adelaide University. (Cheers.) They were taking a very right and wise step, probably the first step towards establishing a Union on the lines and plans of the Unions which existed at Cambridge and Oxford. (Cheers.) There were many things connected with the University upon which it was not his duty to touch at present, and there were some things which they had not got. He could not but hope that the stone laid on that occasion would lead before long to a complete building being provided. (Applause.) He would like to see the verandahs and the adjoining rooms supplied in their entirety. (Hear, hear.) It would help to make members see more of each other in more pleasant surroundings. (Cheers.) He did not think they would lose anything so far as books and lectures were concerned, but they would gain a great deal in all matters of sociability. (Cheers.)

Mr. CAMPBELL, on behalf of the students, in a neat speech thanked His Excellency for his attendance that afternoon.

Cheers were given for the Queen, and Sir Thomas and Lady Victoria Buxton, and the proceedings then terminated.

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