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EDUCATION SQUARE

Extension of the University

Residential Quarters to be Built

When the showgrounds are removed from their present site on the Jubilee Oval to Keswick the way will be open for considerable extensions to several of the buildings comprised in Education Square on North terrace. The home for the aged and the mounted police barracks are to be taken away in the near future, so that several unsightly structures will be destroyed and room left for additions to the Public Library, University, and School of Mines. Some months ago Mr. R. Barr Smith gave £10,000 for the purpose of creating a residential University in Adelaide. Lord Bryce (then the Hon. J. Bryce) when in Adelaide spoke strongly of the advantage of the "atmosphere of a University," which, he said, could be created only by the students living together. The difficulty is that the University requires more land, not only for a residential quarter, but for the extension of the educational rooms and laboratories. The only outlet for the institution is the present showground, and when the allocation of that is considered the Government may find it difficult to decide about the allotment of the land among the several institutions which have put in a claim for portion of it.

—Definite Promise.—

The University, with the gift of Mr. Barr Smith, has considerable claims on the State, and on Wednesday afternoon, by appointment, the Premier (Hon. A. H. Peake) and the Commissioner of Public Works (Sir Richard Butler) met the donor at the University to discuss with him the plans of extensions which have been prepared. The Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way), Professor Stirling, C.M.G., and the Registrar (Mr. C. R. Hodge) received the Ministers. Mr. Barr Smith was attended by his private Secretary (Mr. Martin). Mr. J. N. Taylor (Acting Chief Clerk of the Public Buildings Department) was also present. The two Ministers showed the plans which had been drawn for the further extension of the University, and listened to a statement of the requirements of the institution, both in respect to Mr. Barr Smith's gift and also in connection with further developments. The Premier mentioned, in reply, that Ministers were impressed by the necessity for ample provision being made for the extension of the University in the future. He explained the plans which had been prepared, both of the ground to be granted to the University, and for the completion of the educational buildings. He also stated that he would make certain recommendations to Cabinet on the subject.

—The Other Institutions.—

The Board of Governors of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, and the Council of the School of Mines, will be consulted by the Government in regard to their requirements in due course.

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