

advantage, but that the funds of the University will not admit of the council entertaining the idea. In many ways does the University invite the assistance of our wealthy colonists. Men who have made their money in this colony could not do better than devote a portion of what the country has given them to benefit future generations; and no better, or more honorable, or more enduring way of doing this could be found than by assisting in the development of the chief educational institution of the country.

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A MEDICAL SCHOOL AND SIR T. ELDER.
—Only a few days ago we were regretting that the present state of the available funds of the University did not permit of the formation of a Medical School at which young men of talent might receive the education necessary to fit them for the profession, without leaving their homes and their friends and proceeding to England. The success of the recently started Law School rendered it morally certain that a Medical School would not only supply a want, but would meet with great support from the public. It is very gratifying therefore to be able to announce that Sir Thomas Elder has generously come forward to supply the necessary funds. To the liberality of this distinguished colonist of South Australia is due in very large measure the foundation of the University itself, as two of the Professorships were endowed by him and bear his name. It must be gratifying to him to notice how even already the standard of higher education in the colony is rapidly rising—how the grammar schools and colleges are attaining to a higher grade of excellence through the opportunity for distinguishing themselves which is afforded to the scholars by the University examinations; how the classes at the University itself are filling up, and the number of passes at the annual tests is increasing from year to year. But, until the University possesses a medical side it is obviously incomplete. The number of the aspirants to the medical profession is always much larger than to any of the others, and many of them are among the best of our young men. We have a well-appointed and well-managed Hospital. The medical talent that is available for the supply of lectureships will bear comparison with that in other leading cities. When Melbourne, Sydney, and Auckland have each its Medical School attached to the University there is no reason why Adelaide should lag behind. The University of Melbourne has attained its present importance very largely through the excellence of its Medical School, which a long time was the best paying portion of the institution. Similar, if

not better, results may be expected in this colony, so that the sum given by Sir Thomas Elder will in all likelihood fully effect the purpose of the donor. Young men whose ambitions lie in the direction of the medical profession will now be spared the infliction of a long and weary separation from home and family. They will certainly study none the worse for being under home influences, and in the land of their birth, and they will escape the dangers of becoming unsettled in their habits. There is a very practical and generous purpose in Sir Thomas Elder's gift, and the colony will have reason to thank him for it, as they have already abundant reason to value the repeated instances of wise and munificent generosity and of far-seeing enterprise which he has displayed in the past.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1883.

THE council of the University of Adelaide was taken by surprise at its meeting yesterday. The chancellor read a letter from Sir Thomas Elder in which he offered to give the sum of £10,000 as the commencement of an endowment for the establishment of a school of medicine in the University. Sir Thomas is already well-known for his thoughtful generosity in fostering the cause of the higher education in South Australia. He is one of the original founders of the University, having given £20,000 as an endowment for the two chairs that now bear his name, and which are occupied by Professor Lamb and Professor Tate. He is the donor of an annual prize to the best students in Dr. Stirling's class in physiology. He has founded a scholarship in connection with the new College of Music in London, in which the Prince of Wales takes so deep an interest, and now he comes forward and offers to the University another sum for the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine, thereby proving at once his interest in the intellectual welfare of the colony, and his confidence in the financial wisdom of those whom the senate has elected as the council of the University.

At the recent commencement, the vice-chancellor was rash enough to venture among the prophets. It is at all times a dangerous game to play. In his address he predicted that the faculty that, in all probability, would be the next to be added to the roll of academic departments would be one for the study of music. He pre-