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## LADY SYMON BUILDING.

### University Women Students' Home.

### Foundation-Stone Ceremony.

The Chancellor of the University of Adelaide (Sir George Murray), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Sir William Mitchell), members of the University Council and Senate, graduates and undergraduates of the University, and leading citizens, assembled in force on Monday afternoon at the rear of the

Darling Building, to witness the laying of the foundation stone of the new Lady Symon Building. The ceremony was performed by Sir Josiah Symon, K.C.

The Chancellor said it was his privilege, on behalf of the University of Adelaide, to invite Sir Josiah Symon to lay the foundation stone. It was the women students' portion of the new Union Buildings, the erection of which had been made possible through the liberality of Sir Josiah. The men students' portion would occupy a position further east, and the two would be united by the refectory at the rear, in course of erection. The intervening cloister would be the University memorial to those who gave their lives during the Great War. Sir Josiah's gift was a splendid one, not only from the point of view of the amount it represented, but also from that of the benefits it would confer upon the students of the University. Education was not entirely drawn from lecture rooms and labora-

tories, nor even from books. An important part—and some people thought not the least important part—was derived from consultation, disputation, discussion, and social intercourse between those engaged in the same or similar intellectual pursuits. They knew that to be true in every committee, club, and society; it was also true in the University. Hitherto they had had no common meeting ground, and the union was intended to supply that want. Sir Josiah's gift had enabled the project to be advanced, and with cordial devotion he had desired that the building should bear the name of the gracious lady who was his partner in life. To that they had given glad assent. (Applause.)

The fame of Sir Josiah himself as a statesman and a member of the Bar (continued the Chancellor) could not be altogether overlooked, and the names of both of them would therefore be always associated in that great and generous gift. The site had been well chosen, for further expansion of the University would have to be in that direction. The library (which Mr. T. E. Barr Smith had provided for)