between the two institutions is one of the most unhappy results of the miserable Hospital dispute. There is little profit now in pursuing the bitter controversy in which the disputed question of responsibility is involved. But could not hands be stretched across the dead man’s grave? Hitherto every effort to establish peace has failed. In the solemn hush around Sir Thomas Elder’s grave might we not, even now, hope to hear the softly-beating wings of the angel of conciliation?

The generous endowment of art by the deceased knight is one of the striking features of his will. Works of art are among the most elevating agencies of public education. In a new country, where the conditions of life for the average man are prosaic, hard, and strenuous, cultivation of the sense of beauty is apt to be neglected. The refining influence of art is needed, but art is a slow growth, a costly luxury, rarely advanced where it lacks the patronage of wealthy men. The Adelaide Gallery owes much to private liberality. To Sir Thomas Elder it is now indebted for the princely gift of £25,000, all to be expended in adding to the collection of pictures. What aesthetic delight, what stimulating and helpful suggestion, will be afforded to thousands by means of his thoughtful generosity we shall not attempt to measure. Nor do we propose to dilate on Sir Thomas Elder’s legacies to secondary schools, churches, scientific societies and charitable institutions. His bequest of £25,000 for the establishment of Workmen’s Homes must, however, receive particular mention as illustrating his concern for the interests of the deserving poor. It exhibits the same kindly and philanthropic spirit as that which actuated the late Mr. Charles Drew in making provision for the Somerset Cottages opened yesterday at Walkerville by his Excellency the Governor. Sir Thomas Elder had evidently studied, as he emulated, the beneficent work of Peabody. The trustees are bound by no hard-and-fast directions in administering their trust, but it was the desire of the deceased knight that the lines of the Peabody Trust in London should be generally followed. Mr. Peabody gave in various sums no less than half a million sterling, and from that amount the Peabody dwellings in various parts of London were erected. A few years ago they accommodated no fewer than 20,000 persons. The houses are let at moderate rents, and the income is applied to extension of the scheme.
WILL OF THE LATE SIR THOMAS ELDER.
MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.

THE UNIVERSITY GETS £25,000.
GIFTS TO CHURCHES AND CHARITIES.

The will of the late Sir Thomas Elder, G.C.M.G., was read in the presence of the executors, Mr. H. Barr Smith and Mr. Alexander Martin, on Tuesday. Although particular as to the value of the estate and the amount of the private bequests are not available, by the courtesy of Mr. H. Barr Smith, we are enabled to give a list of the principal bequests made by the late Sir Thomas Elder to charitable institutions during his life which he did so much to assist. The total amount distributed is £25,000, and the details are as follows:

- Medical School, Adelaide University: £20,000
- Chair of Music, Adelaide University: £20,000
- Adelaide University: £25,000
- Geographical Society: £2,000
- Zoological Society: £2,000
- Adelaide Hospital: £1,000
- Seaman's House, Port Adelaide: £1,000
- Blind and Deaf Invalid Institution: £1,000
- St. Margaret's Convential Hospital: £1,000
- Children's Hospital: £1,000
- Portland Homoeopathic Hospital: £1,000
- Home for Incorruptibles: £1,000
- Strangers' Friend and Charity Organisa: £1,000
- Anglican Cathedral: £1,000
- Presbyterian Church of South Australia: £1,000
- Chalmers Presbyterian Church: £1,000
- Y.M.C.A.: £1,000
- Adelaide City Mission: £1,000
- To Found Workmen's Home: £2,000

The will was executed at Largs, South Australia, and bears date June 9, 1890. It named three executors, the late Mr. George Boothy, of 2, Government Offices, the 'Governor of the C.B.,' and Mr. W. J. Fife, solicitor to the estate, informing the Probate Court that he will take a long time to effect a valuation of the many properties concerned and that an estimate of the total value has not yet been attempted, and it is probable that the will can be proved before several weeks.

Many persons have power to postpone the payment of the charitable bequests for three years, but if they are not made within a year of the testator's death they are to be paid interest at the rate of 5 per cent. So far as the Workmen's Homes are concerned it is understood that the trustees have been given a fairly large sum in dealing with the bequest of £25,000, but the testator expresses his desire in his will that a trust should be established on the lines of the Peabody Trust in London. The idea is to let the homes at a moderate rent and devote the income to the building of new cottages.

PREVIOUS ENDOWMENTS.
The following endowments were founded by the late Sir Thomas Elder in connection with the Adelaide University during his lifetime:
- Arts and Sciences: £20,000
- Evening Classes: £1,000

The gift to the Arts and Science department was received in 1874, in conjunction with a similar endowment. Another donation of £2,000 was given by Sir Thomas Elder to assist in the formation of the Modern School from the second to the fifth year. He also gave £200 a year for five years to the School of Music at the University when it was being built by public subscription.