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Our Chancellor Comes Good

£10,000 for Men’s Union Building

Magnificent Gift of Sir George Murray

No words can express the joy and gratitude that we must all feel at the magnificent gift of £10,000 which Sir George Murray made yesterday to the building fund of the Men’s Union.

There is no one whom we would rather have so intimately associated with our new building than our own Channellor, who has served our University so splendidly and so long, and now both our dreams have come true—the building is to be commenced early next year, and it is Sir George who has made it possible.

In her will Miss Margaret Murray left the life interest in the residue of her estate to her brother and the remainder to the University. This life interest, however, Sir George very generously gave to the University recently. This £10,000 to the Men’s Union is just another and quite separate gift from Sir George himself. Our deal to them both is indeed great, and we sincerely hope that the new building will be called after their name.

Whether we have deserved such generosity or not remains for us to show in the coming years. It is only necessary to compare the large number of gifts to the University with the generosity to the Chancellor. Varsity to qualify how fortunate we are. The Melbourne students have overcome their poverty with many splendid efforts of their own; their efforts have at last been rewarded with the first walls of their new Union being laid very soon going. We must certainly be careful not to become smug.

On behalf of the students we offer our warmest thanks to Sir George for his most timely and generous gift.

History.

The need of a Students’ Union and a building for that accommodation was felt quite early in the history of the Adelaide University. This need found expression in a movement amongst the students in 1905-07, which resulted in the raising of £250, which the small Union room for men was built. As a later date the women students formed a Union, with a constitution approved by the University Council, and were granted the use of a room in the University, and subsequently of a small cottage in the 19th Street. This accommodation, both for men and for women, was most inadequate. As the close of the Great War, when the need for a War Memorial was exasperated by the University, it was decided that it should be incorporated in the project for a Students’ Union Building. But as it was available for the fulfilment of these schemes until the University obtained the free site of land on the site facing Victoria Drive, when the University Council at once allotted the necessary area of it to a site for the Memorial and Union Building. On the occasion of the Union Jubilee, Sir John Simpson, K.C.M.G., made a generous gift of £1,000 for the erection of the Lady Senior Building.

Finance.

The present buildings were constructed in 1909. Sir George Murray’s gift will provide for the Men’s Union block corresponding in position and size with the Lady Senior, and estimated to cost £20,000 and a smaller two-story building, linking it with the refectory, to cost £2,000. The proceeds from the Lady Senior in the Men’s Union building are to cost another £2,000. Furnishings and fittings, etc., should cost roughly, £1,000 also.

A further scheme which the Union Committee hopes to carry out is to convert the upper study of Mr. and Mrs. Goodall’s house into a supper room, with further kitchenette to fill the lower storey. A staircase will reach the supper room from the entrance, and it will be linked to the kitchenette below by a lift. A house for Mr. and Mrs. Goodall will be either built on to or on a level to the refectory or built against the wall over the entrance to the Union Building. About another £5,000 is required for this scheme.

The detailed plans for the new buildings will be put out today on a scale in the men’s lounges, and anyone who has any alterations to request is asked to make them in writing and leave with Mr. Hamilton.

Our Purpose.

The booklet issued by the Union Building Appeal Committee in 1921 states: "It is hoped that the Students’ Union will link the homes of the students from many angles, and will exert a direct and powerful influence by giving them a real sense of brotherhood in an academic family, and making them conscious of a very noble tradition which it is held duty and

WHAT IS THIS PEACE GROUP?

LADY SYMON HALL
1.25 p.m., THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1st

‘VARSITY PROCESSION
New Developments
Watch the Refectory Notice Board
WEDNESDAY, 23rd Sept., 1936

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

To the Editor,

Sir,—This is with a feeling that there is very much to be said and yet very little time in which to say it that I add this contribution to the annual day of joy that must go up from all under

Anchorage on the occasion of the birthday of our beloved Union. May the men and women of the union have a long life and joy in the years to come. We send them our best wishes and the assurance that we all unite in wishing them a happy birthday.

F. B. BONDIN

President, Men's Union.

The Editor, "On Day!"

DEAR SIR,—

For several years the Union has been the focal point of our attention in the field of student activities. In the past, the Union has been the central point of the student's life. It has served as a meeting place for students of all sorts and conditions, and has been a place of refuge for those who were in need of help and guidance.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. MCGARLAND

President, Men's Union.

PHOENIX, 1936

A good evening's reading and some pretty talents in the making. This is the point in the season when the cream of the Union has begun to gather. The Union is the center of student life and the place where students can come together to share their common interests.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. MCGARLAND

President, Men's Union.

SHOW THAT YOU HAVE THE TRUE SIGN OF AUSTRALIA AT HEART

and sign the protest against the Lyons-Gullick discriminating Tariff Policy directed against Japan, our second best customer nation.

Protest, with signatures, will be sent to Canberra and London.

Authorised by the University Peace Group.