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UNIVERSITY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC.—  
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inviting applications for teachers of elocution,  
Italian, French, and German in connection  
with the Conservatorium.

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### THE MARCUS CLARKE MEMORIAL.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in forming a committee in connection with the Marcus Clarke memorial fund was held at the University of Adelaide on Monday afternoon. Those who were present his Honor the Chief Justice, who presided, Professor Ives, the Rev. A. T. Boas, Dr. Rogers, Commander Creswell, Mr. J. Sadler, and Mr. Wybert Reeve.

His Honor remarked that they had not met for the purpose of hearing a panegyric on the genius of the late Marcus Clarke, but to take practical steps to give effect to a general wish in South Australia that his grave should no longer remain without a monument.

It was resolved that the gentlemen present should form themselves into a committee to give effect to the object of the gathering with power to add to their number.

Commander Creswell and Mr. H. Morgan Hawkes were appointed joint honorary secretaries, and Mr. J. Sadler hon. treasurer. Executive power to act was given to the chairman, the joint hon. secretaries, and the hon. treasurer. It was resolved that the movement should be confined to South Australia, but his Honor observed that that did not mean if any enthusiastic Victorian came along and said he wished to be considered a South Australian for the time being and to subscribe to the fund that they would offer any objection. Mr. WYBERT REEVE suggested the holding of an amateur dramatic performance at the Theatre Royal on behalf of the fund, and he offered to give the use of the building free on the occasion, and to also provide lights. The offer was accepted with thanks.



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there are very few large halls the acoustic properties of which are entirely satisfactory from a musician's point of view. Other schemes contemplated in connection with the new sphere of usefulness which Sir Thomas Elder's magnificent gifts will make possible to the University are the extension of the medical curriculum to the full term of five years. This can only be properly arranged by means of an agreement with the Adelaide Hospital Board, and so far attempts to establish a rapprochement have failed. Still there are hopes that a satisfactory settlement of the difficulties between the two institutions may be arrived at. It is probable, however, that the University authorities will have to be content with control over a more moderate number of beds in the hospital, than they propose shall be handed over to them, before the much-to-be-desired settlement of the difficulties comes about. Another result of the bequest is to be the establishment of an advanced course of mining engineering and metallurgy, to occupy four years, the last of which will be post-graduate. The University has also offered to educate the State school teachers of the province entirely free of cost to the Government, and intends to offer certain scholarships, the endowments of which will be provided from the bequest, but the details are not yet settled.

The Adelaide Art Gallery gets £25,000 for the purchase of pictures, and one result of the legacy is that the Government are erecting an art gallery on North-terrace to contain the present collection and the new pictures—when they are bought. The board of governors are very wisely taking time for careful consideration as to the purchase of new pictures, and it is extremely unlikely that all the money will be expended immediately.

The Prince Alfred College benefits to the extent of £4,000, and projects are already on foot for the establishment of scholarships to keep green the memory of the illustrious benefactor. Way College receives £2,000, and the committee have decided to use the legacy in reducing the mortgage of £5,000 which is held over the college buildings. The saving thus effected in interest will enable the college directors to vastly extend its sphere of usefulness, and as was remarked by Mr. Joseph Ashton at the commemoration on Saturday, it relieves the financial committee of a load of anxiety. Scholarships are also to be founded at this college in memory of Sir Thomas Elder.

Many of the beneficiaries have not yet decided what steps to take in the disposal of the money, but in the case of most of the charitable institutions interested it is probable that it will be invested and the interest used for the extension of the work in which they are engaged. Some of them very badly require the funds which the bequests provide to keep their operations even up to the standard of former years, the long continued depression having brought about a falling off in the contributions, while their resources have been taxed more than ever to deal with the resulting poverty. To these the benefactions of the late gentleman have come as "sunshine in the midst of gloom," and their helpfulness cannot be measured in mere figures. Only those actively engaged in philanthropic work can gauge the value of the splendid gifts, made as they are without stipulation of any kind. Words can but dimly express the gratitude of those whose benevolent tasks are lightened and whose hands are strengthened for the good work they are doing by the munificent donations handed over on Monday.

With regard to the £25,000 to be devoted to the erection of workmen's homes, no steps have yet been taken to form the trust which the testator desired to be constituted. Until this is done the money will be deposited in safe keeping by Mr. Barr Smith—probably with the Treasurer of the colony. The trustees, when they are appointed, will have large powers, as the scheme is merely outlined in the will and they will have to fill in the details. The money is to be spent in the erection of model cottages suitable for workmen and their families. These are to be let at a moderate rental, and the income, after providing for the repair of those already built, devoted to the erection of new homes.

### MEMORIAL TO MARCUS CLARKE.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the movement initiated by the Chief Justice to erect a memorial to the late Marcus Clarke, one of Australia's most brilliant litterateurs, was held at the University on Monday. The Right Hon. S. J. Way presided. His Honor the Chief Justice, who was voted to the chair, explained that they had been called together to take practical steps to give effect to a general wish in South Australia that the late Marcus Clarke's grave should be no longer without a monument. Captain Creswell and Mr. H. Morgan Hawkes were elected Joint Secretaries, and Mr. J. Sadler was appointed Treasurer. It was resolved to confine the movement to South Australia for the present.

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### A STATUE TO THE LATE SIR THOMAS ELDER.

The heartiest support will doubtless be accorded by South Australians of all sections and classes to the movement for erecting a statue in Adelaide to the memory of the late Sir Thomas Elder. An influential committee has been formed for the purpose of promoting the perpetuation of the deceased Knight's memory by such a memorial, and the names which we are already in a position to publish will afford a guarantee that the matter will be pushed forward with tact and business ability to a successful conclusion. There are in Adelaide, as we have on more than one occasion pointed out, singularly few statues of any kind, and actually not a single one of any person who has been prominently concerned in promoting the material, intellectual, or moral welfare of South Australia. The residents of Melbourne, of Sydney, of Ballarat, and even of less conspicuous cities of Australia, have followed the time-honoured custom of providing, within sight of busy thoroughfares, the statues of those who have "deserved well of their country." In Adelaide, however, it chanced that—probably owing to the early dissensions by which the progress of the colony was at first so seriously retarded—no beginning was made by the erection of suitable memorials to any of the first pioneers. The slow pace at which the movement for securing a statue to Colonel Light, who planned the City of Adelaide, may fairly be cited as affording a warning that, if such a memorial is not proceeded with, either immediately or at least very shortly after the death of an eminent man, it is not likely ever to be provided at all. Each generation fortunately brings to the front its own men and women who have been pre-eminently successful in promoting the good of the community in many and varied departments of usefulness.

The particular cause to which the late Sir Thomas Elder devoted his thought and much of his wealth throughout a long lifetime was that of higher education. Knowing as he did what the liberal dissemination of education had done for Scotland—his native place—and how greatly it had always conduced to the prosperity and welfare of his countrymen in every part of the world to which they had migrated, there was little reason for wonder that he should have fixed upon this line of benefaction as his specialty. Not only after his death but for more than a score of years during his lifetime the University was the recipient of large sums of money from him. In the last calendar issued by that institution there is a statement showing that before his death he had donated no less than £33,700 for the establishment or continuance of schools of art, science, medicine, and music, and for the maintenance of a curriculum of evening lectures. By his will he has bequeathed to the University an additional sum of £65,000, that being a part of the total of £155,000 left to various institutions, and the money, as we mentioned a few days ago, has been paid over. Hospitals, orphanages, missions, and Churches have benefited by his liberality, nor has he forgotten to devote a portion of his wealth to homes for seamen and other working men. Moreover, it should never be forgotten with what indomitable enterprise and perseverance Sir Thomas Elder promoted

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### THE ELDER BEQUESTS.

#### THE MONEY PAID.

Mr. R. Barr Smith and Mr. Alexander Martin, trustees under the will of the late Sir Thomas Elder, were busily engaged on Monday morning in paying over the amounts of the splendid bequests made by the deceased gentleman to many of the charitable and educational institutions of the colony. All the payments were made by cheque, personally, to those authorised by the various bodies interested to receive the money, and at 3 o'clock nearly all the legacies had been handed over. In one or two cases difficulties arose over the affixing of the seals to the discharges or other trifling matters and the payment had to be postponed for a day or two, but it may be safely said that before the banks closed for the day the bulk of the vast amount bequeathed by Sir Thomas had been handed over. The sums paid were all free of legacy duty—which to the amount of £15,000 is paid out of the estate—so that really the enormous sum of £170,000 was distributed by the lavish but discriminating hand of the generous donor. The Adelaide University receives the lion's share of the above amount, no less than £65,000 going to the *alma mater*. Of this, £20,000 is earmarked for the Medical School, and £20,000 for the Chair of Music. The University authorities have not yet decided on the ultimate destination of the whole of their legacy. It is of course a question requiring a great deal of anxious thought, and they do not wish to come to a hurried resolution. The £20,000 left for the Chair of Music is to be used to found the Conservatorium of Music, of which full particulars have already appeared in *The Advertiser*. Part of the scheme provides for the erection of a large concert-hall, which will be a great acquisition to Adelaide, where

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### THE LATE SIR THOMAS ELDER.

We are glad to notice that a movement is on foot to obtain subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a public statue to the late Sir Thomas Elder, G.C.M.G., in the City of Adelaide in recognition of his many public and private services. Mr. George Wilcox is acting as Hon. Secretary for the present, and a Preliminary Committee, consisting of the Right Hon. the Chief Justice, the Hon. Sir E. T. Smith, M.L.C., Mr. John Darling, jun., M.P., Mr. A. G. Dawnes, Mr. H. Muecke, Mr. David Murray, and Mr. Wilcox, has been formed to initiate the movement. We shall be very happy to receive and acknowledge any subscriptions that may be sent to us.