All South Australians and all people beyond the borders of this State will be interested to learn that Mr. Barr Smith has completed his nine-teenth year to-day. The orderliness of the congratulations to a citizen who has been a pillar of the State for well nigh 60 years will be enhanced by the pleasant facts that his faculties are unimpaired and that he devotes time to benevolent and educational affairs. For many years Mr. Barr Smith has exhibited a public spiritedness which is unceasing without limitations. As the owner of the famous gold and silver enterprise, which has contributed to the State's welfare, he is known and beloved for his princely philanthropy and munificence. All classes of the community are benefited by his liberality, but he has always sought to avoid making the public acquainted with his good deeds. He has shown anything in the nature of personal aggrandisement, but he should be thought was desirous of popularity, and those familiar with his kindly nature and his love of Australian simplicity would prefer that no notice should be taken of the memorable natal anniversary he attains to-day. Their very nature, however, made it impossible to conceal from them his splendid gifts to State, Church, University, and other public institutions; but few of the public will ever know the extent of the private charity which Mr. and Mrs. Barr Smith have distributed generously. Like his famous countrymen, Mr. Carnegie and the late Lord Strathcona, Mr. Barr Smith has earned the gratitude of present and future generations for his liberal contribution of wealth. Like them, he has recognized the personal obligations which the amassing of riches has entailed, and he has gladly and ably discharged his duties.

The old gentleman was associated with his illustrious brother-in-law, the late Sir Thomas Elder, in laying the foundations and building of the university. The influence of the house of Barr and Smith is Limited, which is widely known for its high traditions of commercial enterprise and progress. Mr. Barr Smith was a pioneer in Australian commercial shipping, and his name is synonymous with a great Australian whose name will be honoured in history for having provided encouragement for our explorers to go out into the unknown to blaze the track for settlement and expansion. Purchasing ships and vessels for the settlement of the interior and the coast has been a potent force in the development of the country. Mercantile men, financiers, and politicians have turned to him often for counsel and assistance, and his words have always been received with the deepest respect.

Mr. Barr Smith was born at Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire. His father was the Rev. Dr. Smith, of the Free Church of Scotland. He attended Glasgow University in the days of “Daily Thomson,” who became Lord Kelvin, the “Napoleon of Physics.” As a young man Mr. Barr Smith was engaged in commercial pursuits in Glasgow, where he developed the days of his business career which made him the Australian merchant prince he afterwards became. His fellow Australians to-day will in spirit fervently extend to Mr. Barr Smith congratulations upon becoming a nonagenarian, and cherish the wish that he will yet be spared for a long period of peaceful retirement, in which he may find satisfaction in further embellishing the State’s social and educational advancement.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

FAVORED BY EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES

THE SCHEME FULLY EXPLAINED.

"When residential colleges are established in connection with the Adelaide University, the greatest need in the educational system of the State will be filled." This view was expressed by the chairman of the Education Commission, several days since, in finding general endorsement among educational authorities. Several, with a reservation or two, were in accord with the recommendation of "The Daily Herald" that they were entirely in sympathy with the suggestion to establish residential college in connection with the Adelaide University.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S VIEWS

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE AN URGENT NEED.

"For some years the Education Department has been talking of the possibility of establishing residential collegiate training colleges in connection with the Adelaide University," remarked Mr. M. M. Robinson (Director of Education) when interrogated on the subject. "Our residents always take some university courses, but they seem to stay for more than one year are especially in need of university instruction. We have regarded it as an important point that students should be in close proximity to the University, partly for the convenience of the students themselves, and partly from the fact that students should be situated where they could be termed the "university spirits," that is, a spirit of intellectual and cultural development. Students, who live together for four years of university life, are an institution in themselves, and that is why I feel a residential college would develop a spirit of intellectual and social culture." Mr. Robinson said that a residential college would raise them above the more gross aspects of life. Would you favor pupil teachers in universities being accommodated at such a college?

The commission recommends that existing accommodation for student teachers should be provided for in such an institution. It is evident that such a college, if established, would bring a good deal of trouble with it and many difficulties to the establishment of such a college. The execution of management is one of these. Still, more important is the responsibility devolving upon those who would be in charge of the institution for the lives of the young people who would be the inhabitants of the college. Still it would not be impossible to manage such an institution.

The establishment of a residential college would be welcomed by the Education Department. It would be of great advantage to junior teachers of the first three grades if they were provided with the training that would enable them to find accommodation. The situation is grave. Some of the teachers who come into the city for the first term of training are of course unable to find homes with the students in the universities. There are some instances where the accommodation that is provided is not suitable. The situation is even worse for the students in Adelaide. Such students are rarely able to secure a home to themselves, in which they can carry on work in the quiet and seclusion of a home present time there are between 50 and 60 girl teachers in Adelaide from the country, besides the ordinary High School, girl students, a good number. County parents very frequently experience difficulty in securing homes for their children, who are coming to the city. The situation is grave, and a residential college will enable them to find that when a boy is living in a house.

FUTURE OF THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

A REPLY TO MR. RYAN.

The attention of Mr. Bardsley (assistant registrar at the University) was called to the interview in "The Register" (Feb. 17) in which it was said that the chancellor was not available. Unfortunately most of the persons who are likely to be interested in the news of the campus were not on leave. It is understood, however, that attention was drawn to the views expressed by Mr. Ryan in regard to the expansion of the university, and the information given in regard to the question of certain particulars. There is a suggestion about Mr. Ryan's relationship to the institution and his desire to see it expand in every line, and Mr. Bardsley said, "One may, however, offer some remarks as to the future development of the university.

Residential colleges are being urged to be the first of the new institutions to be established. The concept of the faculty has led to the necessity of providing for the residence of students. The University of Adelaide is to be fully developed, and Mr. Ryan has said that the University, in his opinion, is the nucleus of the University of South Australia. The University has a magnifying effect. The Ministry in its present state is not likely to do much for the University. There is a desire on the part of the students to find that when a boy is living in a house.

The university would like to see the institution developed, and it is hoped that the government will do its best to see that the institution is gathered in.

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