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## RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE.

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In connection with Mr. Barr Smith's conditional donation of £10,000 for University expansion, Mr. Talbot Smith has thoughtfully remarked through "The Mail" that the residential college project would need to be carefully handled. As the whole scheme is dependent upon a public subsidy the Government will no doubt guard the movement against imperilling the democratic foundations. Any form of residence which would tend to create a caste would be mischievous. Suitable lodgings can be obtained by students in the vicinity of the University, and the justification for a residential college must be found in the greater control and association of students with a view to the formation of character. If such a college must practically be restricted to the sons and daughters of the wealthy, obviously no portion of the public funds can be devoted to the endowment, and the University would be better on the whole without the class addition. When divinity degrees shall be conferred colleges like St. Barnabas and Parkin may become affiliated, and presumably other colleges, not denominational, if privately established could be connected with the University, but a residential college sustained by University funds and directly managed by the council would require open doors and secular regulation. It would be impractical to enforce residence within a college as a condition of studentship even if ample accommodation were available unless board and residence were made virtually free, because it would close the institution to many poor in this world's goods; residence would certainly be out of the question with evening students who follow wage-earning occupations in the day. Mr. Talbot Smith has said so much to the point that it would be interesting to hear from him as a member of the council exactly how it is proposed to establish an effective residential college on a broad basis, for the question has become one for the taxpayers, and discussion is required and will be profitable. Probably Professor Chapman reflects the sentiment of the professorial staff in admitting the need for a residential college, though curiously enough Newman insisted upon a residential college with disciplinary tutor as a check upon the exercise of excessive influence by professors.

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## MAWSON EXPEDITION.

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### Aurora Returning.

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SYDNEY, February 16.

Professor David has been advised from the Macquarie Island wireless station that the Adelie Land wireless station was dismantled last week, and that Dr. Mawson, with all hands, is now on the Aurora, bound for the termination base, to pick up Wild's party.