The Register announced recently that an anonymous benefactor had made a gift of £10,000 to the University as a nucleus of funds for the establishment of a Residential College. The Premier (Hon. A. H. Peake) stated on Thursday morning: "With respect to the general scheme of College life, it is an open secret that the gentleman who made this gift to the University has not yet named its recipient." Mr. Barr Smith, who by all accounts has had many munificent gifts to the public institutions of the State, has not yet named the recipient to the effect, "I am willing to give the University of Adelaide the sum of £10,000 at the earliest convenience. If it is in the public interest of the University, I would be willing to contribute more funds and social interests. My idea is that this gift will be used towards the completion of such a residential college. The conditions of the gift are one: That the Government will subscribe the donation pound for pound, to be used for the above purpose. 2. That the Government will guarantee the University the additional grounds, for which the council has made provision. Mr. Barr Smith was considered in Cabinet on Monday, when it was decided, without reservation, to accept the following letter to Mr. Barr Smith: 'I am directed by the Premier to acknowledge your offer to give to University of Adelaide the sum of £10,000 as soon as the purposes of building a common hall for the meeting of professors and students for meals and social purposes, with the idea that this serves as a commencement of a residential college on this site. The Government will subscribe the donation pound for pound, to be used for the purpose mentioned, and that the Government will allocate to and over in the University the additional grounds for which the University council has made request. I am further directed to express the high appreciation of Ministers of your noble gift, which will serve to substitute pounds for pounds. As to the land, they will at once make inquiries as to what is available for the purpose required, and if it can be allocated as desired.'

Mr. Barr Smith has made this donation as the nucleus of what will be a future and extensive endowment, and give a new impetus that other public-spirited citizens will follow the example he has set, so that what will be started will have the funds at present subscribed may be carried to a satisfactory conclusion.

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