A GENEROUS GIFT.

The munificent gift of £15,000 for the Medical School of the University which was made by the late Mr. John Darling comes at a most opportune moment. Only a few days ago the Medical School was granted a grant of £30,000 from the University Council which pointed out that the institution is in great need and urgent need. The Edinburgh School of Medicine is now the scene of a block of land adjoining the University which should be secured to that institution, so that the Council would feel keenly that absence of an answer to that question would be a loss to the University. The plan is now going forward for the establishment of a medical school, and the money from the late Mr. Darling has solved some of the immediate difficulties of the situation. No question arises as to the need for such a school, for obvious reasons, but it is near the Hospital, and for the new building there is land available. In that matter, in the great city of London, Sir Thomas Edser gave £50,000 for the foundation of the school, and on his death the remaining £45,000 was to be added to the endowment, to bring it to the £100,000. So far as the medical school is concerned, it may be gratifying success, but it requires a home of its own, in this case a university, to carry on its work in a way to maintain the high standard it has created. Unless this is done there is danger that South Australian students may go to other centres, and the University will be the poorer for the loss of the best minds. The University Council was events to erect a suitable building and not to worry the Medical School be directly and University. The funds which have been collected by the University will gain relief by the severe pressure on the existing accommodation, and the University will not only have a medical school, but it will also, in its turn, be able to offer a university education, with the high standard of the late Mr. Darling, to the State. To that extent, the University is a larger and better place, and it is to the credit of the State that such a gift was received, and it is a credit to the generosity of the late Mr. Darling that such a gift was made.