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ST. MARK'S COLLEGE.
 St. Mark's College, the first residential college affiliated to the University of Adelaide, was opened for students last Tuesday. The official opening will, however, be performed by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges) on Sunday. The Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev. Dr. Thomas) will then bless the college. The Chairman of the executive committee (Mr. Justice Poole), and the master of the college (Mr. A. Grenfell Price, M.A.) will also speak. Invitations have been issued to the committees, the subscribers, and leading educationists, but it is unfortunately impossible to invite the general public, and admission will be by invitation only. Graduates are asked to wear academic dress, and dressing rooms will be provided. Those invited are asked to take their seats before 3 p.m., when the ceremony will begin on the arrival of the Governor. The opening of the college will mark the successful culmination of the labours of committees formed in 1922, when the Bishop of Adelaide presided over a public meeting in the Town Hall, at which the Prime Minister of Australia (Hon. S. M. Bruce) and other keen supporters of university life strongly advocated the foundation of a residential college. In 1923 property on Pennington terrace and Ker-mode street, embracing about two acres of land, and the fine residence of the late Sir John Downer. A public appeal gained about £12,000 to purchase and equip this property. Later a fete at St. Peter's College, conducted by a ladies' committee, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Ernest Good, raised £1,100, which has furnished the institution on residential college lines. In addition to the appointment of the master (Mr. A. Grenfell Price), the Rev. Philip Carrington, M.A., has been appointed chaplain, and Mrs. Douglas Corran matron. The master and chaplain have both had considerable experience of residential college life in other universities, and will assist students in various branches of their work. Mrs. Corran is well known in South Australia as a capable domestic manager. Other appointments will be announced shortly, as the committee intend to give undergraduate members of the college as much tutorial help as can be managed. The main object of the foundation of St. Mark's is the bringing into fellowship and understanding of the of different outlooks, who will ultimately enter widely different walks of life.

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ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.

Position of Medical Superintendent.

Dr. J. G. Sleeman, of Victoria, Appointed.

In the Executive Council on Wednesday Dr. J. G. Sleeman, M.B., Ch.B., of Merino (Vic.), was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital.

Applications were called owing to the resignation of Dr. C. T. Turner, who is entering private practice. The first choice was Dr. J. G. Hislop (Medical Superintendent of the Perth Children's Hospital), but a few days ago he notified the Government that he could not accept the position. The Public Service Commissioner (Brig.-Gen. S. Price Weir) was then instructed to make a recommendation from the other candidates, and as a result Dr. Sleeman has been chosen. He has advised the secretary of the Adelaide Hospital Board that he will be able to take up his duties by March 26 at latest.

Biographical.

Dr. Sleeman is 32 years of age. He graduated in March, 1915, at the Melbourne University with the degrees of M.B. and B.S. During the next two years he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps in France and Salonika. At the end of 1917 he was appointed to the staff of the Bendigo Hospital, where he dealt with many classes of disease. During the absence of the resident surgeon he was in charge of the hospital in that connection, and carried out the administrative duties as well. In 1919 he was for some time senior resident surgeon on the staff of the Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital. Prior to entering private practice in the western district of Victoria, Dr. Sleeman spent two years in various parts of that State, South Australia, and New South Wales. He went to Merino in 1921, and was appointed honorary surgeon to the Hamilton and Casterton Hospitals.

THE TRAMWAYS BAND.

To the Editor.

Sir—In expressing great regret at the news of the possible dissolution of the Tramways Band, I am sure I am voicing the sentiment of many citizens of Adelaide. A way out of the difficulty has been mentioned by two correspondents on the subject, Professors Darnley Naylor and Davies, through the levying of 3d. rate, which, I understand, would provide a fund sufficient to maintain a permanent municipal band, which might be available to play in various centres in the city and suburbs, and so be a more widely distributed pleasure. Such a plan will doubtless commend itself to many, but it would hardly be fair to levy such a tax without consulting the ratepayers. Therefore, I would suggest that at the City Town Hall and in all the suburbs ratepayers should be enabled for some weeks to sign their names for or against the scheme, and that the majority vote should decide the question.—I am, Sir, &c.,

E. CARLILE McDONNELL.

'VARSIITY COLLEGE LIFE

INAUGURATION IN ADELAIDE

(By A. Grenfell Price.)

The opening of St. Mark's College by His Excellency the Governor on Sunday, March 15, means a great deal more to South Australia than is generally realised.

It is not merely the fact that the State is adopting a scheme of education, which has proved of marked value in every other State except Western Australia, where the university is in its infancy, it is that, with humble beginning there is being laid the foundation of a great system which has proved of unrivalled value in the development of broadminded and public spirited citizens.

From the days of the might of Greece the value of educating young men in a close, corporate community has been fully recognised. Too often the boy, who has been spoonfed at his secondary school, is lost in the larger classes, and loses atmosphere of university life. A residential college assist its student, give him individual help, and sees that he works on a systematic routine, and that he keeps regular hours in rising and going to bed.

The majority of men find conditions of work far better in college than in the disturbed atmosphere of the lodging houses or the domestic surroundings of their own homes.

In residential colleges, the young man is treated as a man. A mild but very valuable supervision is exercised in hours and work.

In mediaeval times, too, the idea of universities evolved—centres of learning which attracted men of many races and led to the growth of institutions in which teachers and students lived together, in the pursuit of knowledge. The word "university" itself primarily means "all of us," and originally possessed the meaning of "co-operative" or "company." It is significant that in many universities in Europe the residential colleges existed long before the university in its present sense appeared.

Today the growth of city life and the rapid evolution of means of transport have seriously imperilled this community side of university life. The American universities have fully recognised the danger and have established a system of groups or fraternities, in order to bring students into closer touch with one another, when scattered about in their homes and lodging houses. The Australian universities have followed the English system and have founded residential colleges to provide a corporate life for a large proportion of their students.

LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP

Best of all are the life and fellowship in the college itself. There is the little chapel service in the morning for those who are of the college creed; breakfast in the individual's rooms or in the common room, which the students manage as their own club; a morning of lectures and work, and an afternoon of work and regular and systematic games. At night all students dine together in the college hall, with the college staff or "Dons" and any senior visitors at the high table.

Australian colleges have made a happy innovation in serving coffee and dessert for both seniors and juniors in the men's common room, thus bringing the undergraduates into touch, not only with all the college staff, but with many distinguished visitors at the head of the professions which the students are about to enter.

After dinner some undergraduates work, others go out to social functions, while others again gather at the piano and billiard tables in the common room or visit the rooms of a friend or popular "Don." The informal social gatherings in a residential college are delightful. The knowledge gained from books is of great value, but for the average man the knowledge of his fellows is more valuable still, and more of this knowledge soaks into a man during a term of residential college life than can be acquired in many years by a student, who attends day lectures and spends his evenings in his own home or in social pursuits which the wise curtail until university life is past and a position is assured.

Next week St. Mark's College will be opened to teach the lessons of residential college life to the little band of men who are coming to her from city and country homes as foundation scholars. The beginnings of the work are very humble and the college will have to face many difficult years, during which it will lean heavily on the small body of philanthropic citizens who have given not a little of their time and money to achieve an ideal which they believe will benefit South Australia very greatly. But if history repeats itself, as it is more than likely to do, March 15, 1925, will inaugurate the foundation of a great group of colleges in which the young manhood of South Australia will learn in ideal surroundings to fear God, to love their brethren, and to honor the King.

AN ADELAIDE ATHLETE.

DISTINCTIONS AT OXFORD. WINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, March 11.
The Adelaide Rhodes scholar, D. J. R. Sumner, has won the Oxford tennis championship by beating the South African Rhodes scholar, Kelly, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

Dr. Sumner, who was selected as South Australian Rhodes scholar in 1923, is a son of Mr. E. T. Sumner, of Plympton. He was a prominent tennis player with the Adelaide University club, and he won the handicap singles just before leaving Adelaide. He will probably enter for the competitions at Wimbledon this year with Watts, the captain of the Oxford team. Dr. Sumner recently distinguished himself in pole jumping in the inter-University sports in England.

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Our London correspondent cabled on Thursday:—Mr. D. J. Sumner, the South Australian Rhodes Scholar for 1923, has won the Oxford University lawn tennis championship, beating the South African



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representative, Kelly, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3. Mr. Sumner secured the singles and doubles championships at the Adelaide High School in 1917, and was awarded his tennis Blue at the University in 1919-20.

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ELDER CONSERVATORIUM CONCERTS.

The concert syllabus for 1925 has been issued, and is obtainable at all the music warehouses, as well as the offices of the Conservatorium and the University. An interesting series of concerts is announced, the first of which will be a chamber music evening by the Elder Conservatorium String Quartet, assisted by Miss Maude Puddy, Mus. Bac., and Mr. Clive Carey, Mus. Bac. The box office this year will be located at S. Marshall & Sons, Gawler place; and Mr. R. C. Devshire will be the concert manager. Season tickets may now be obtained from him, and the plan for the first concert will be opened on Saturday, March 28.