Record of Progress

The University of Adelaide

GREAT GROWTH DURING 50 YEARS

Yet Still Cramped for Room

A great need is felt for further accommodation. A good deal of room has been found by the University in the Glebe Extension Building, but this has been supplemented by the extension of the Science Building, which is being more rapidly occupied by the students at present. Occupying the old temporary quarters in the building formerly used by the military behind the Museum, part of their cottage has been occupied for 20 years. The need for an extension of the University is now being felt by all, especially the students.

Diplomats are given in commerce, music, education, languages, and other subjects, and in the field of applied science.

The first lectures in 1861 were attended by eight matriculated students and 52 non-matriculating students. The number of students in 1924 was 764, of whom 506 were matriculating students and 258 were attending the Extension Conservatorium.

Rapid Extension

An addition to the original structure was made in 1882 by the addition of a room for the accommodation of Professor Sillitoe's department. This is in front of the Prince of Wales Theatre Block, which was a still later addition. The expansion of the University has been made as the result of a bequest by Sir Thomas Brand, BART, of 1874. Then came the Prince of Wales Building, known as the Science School. The foundation stone of this building was laid in 1904 by the present King in Majesty. This was situated on the site of the present University Library, and was used as a site for the University buildings. In 1919 the university purchased for £40,000 the site of the Library building, which is now the site of the University Library. The extension of the University has been made in the form of an additional storey, and this additional storey has been occupied by the library since 1921.

From Four Chairs to Nineteen

Prior to the provision of the first building, the University was housed in four rooms in the old State Library in 1875. The library was continued in the same building until 1894, when the first University Library was opened.

The University Library is housed in the new building, and is the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. The library contains 700,000 volumes, and is used for the physical and chemical departments. For many years the library was overcrowded, but the new building has solved this problem. The library is now a center of learning, and is the most important institution in the University.

The new block ready next year

The handsome and commodious Darling Building to the cost of which the University Library, built in 1875, has cost £75,000, and has been paid for by the {:100}.

Arts School in Want

Although the University has been extended from time to time, the Arts School is still in urgent want of further accommodation. The Faculty is still in urgent want of further accommodation, and has been occupying temporary quarters in the old Educational Association and the caretaker.