

of various native crafts, and as the party was fortunate in witnessing ceremonies lasting over several days in connection with an initiation rite, some of the motion pictures secured should form unique ethnological records.

For capably carrying out excellent transport arrangements, the representatives of Messrs. Wallis, Foggarty, of Oodnadatta and Alice Springs, are to be congratulated. The party is much indebted to Mr. Ernest Kempe (manager of Sir Sidney Kidman's Macumba station) and his wife for their generous hospitality and valuable assistance. Sergeant and Mrs. Stott also gave of that help and hospitality for which they are well known, and assured the success of the work at Alice Springs.

Drs. Ray and Cleland paid special attention to the subject of needs for medical aid in Central Australia, both to the white and aboriginal population, and have collected much useful and important information. All the party were impressed with proverbial hospitality of the far northern and central regions, and believed anyone to be an unworthy person who is not readily welcomed by all. They were also interested to learn from daily reports at Alice Springs that while folk in Adelaide were sweltering from a heat wave pleasantly warm conditions were being experienced in their far northern location.

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REG. 22-1-27  
GIFT OF £20,000.

FOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.

Mr. Barr Smith's Generosity.

At a meeting of the council of the Adelaide University on Friday, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) read a letter from Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, offering £20,000 for the erection of a library building. The only stipulation was that the building should be completed within five years.

The Chancellor, in moving that the gift be cordially accepted, reminded the council that Mr. T. E. Barr Smith was a nephew of Sir Thomas Elder, one of the founders of the University. He added that Mr. Robert Barr Smith had made grants for the purchase of books for the library to the amount of £9,000, as well as providing other sums for scientific apparatus. After Mr. Robert Barr Smith's death members of his family had contributed £11,000 as an additional endowment for the permanent maintenance of the library. The latest gift would enable the council to erect a suitable building for housing the library and providing for its increase for many years to come.

ADV. 22-1-27

TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

The name of Barr Smith has been honorably associated with the history of South Australia for many years. The generous gift of £20,000 by Mr. Tom Barr Smith, which is announced to-day, for the housing of the library at the University of Adelaide, is in consonance with the best traditions of the family. His father and his mother (who was a sister of that most generous benefactor of the University, Sir Thomas Elder) gave wisely and munificently to all deserving objects, and the totals of their contributions reached very large sums. The University has at various times during the half century of its existence been indebted to them for valuable gifts. More than 30 years ago Mr. Robert Barr Smith made his first donation of £9,000 for the purchase of books for the library, a particularly seasonable act of generosity, for books are the life of such an institution. Subsequently the family of Mr. Barr Smith endowed the library with a gift of £11,000, which has enabled the Council to purchase from time to time such volumes as served to keep the collection thoroughly up to date—an essential factor in the success of the teaching staff and the students. The library has now grown to such an extent that the gift of Mr. Tom Barr Smith is of a most timely character. The older portion of the University is so congested that space is everywhere needed, and the erection of a separate building to provide room for the shelving of the books and the care of manuscripts, while at the same time facilities are afforded for professors and students to consult them with comfort, will be a great boon. The benefactions and endowments bestowed on the University form a very gratifying list, and all have been utilized for valuable purposes. But there could have been no more urgently needed donation than this latest gift. Mr. Tom Barr Smith, like his father, is a shrewd man of business, and in his givings as in his commercial pursuits, he acts after enquiry and with discretion. Such benefactors are ever the most valuable of friends to the institutions to which their generosity is extended, for they ascertain before they act in which direction their money will do the best service. The splendid manner in which the people of Adelaide and of the State generally have supported their University, and the pride they

have taken in it, have always been an occasion of admiration to neighbor States, especially Victoria. Each year sees some fresh benefaction, and the discerning kindness of Mr. Tom Barr Smith will be greatly appreciated by everyone connected with the institution, which, thanks to the generosity of private citizens, now takes rank with the best of the universities in the British Empire.

ADV. 22-1-27

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

A SPLENDID GIFT BY MR. T. E. BARR SMITH.

At the meeting of the council of the Adelaide University yesterday, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) read a letter from Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, offering to the council a sum of £20,000 for the erection of a library building, the only stipulation being that the building should be completed within five years.

The Chancellor, in moving that the gift be cordially accepted, reminded the council that Mr. T. E. Barr Smith was the nephew of Sir Thomas Elder, one of the founders of the University, and that Mr. Robert Barr Smith had made grants for the purchase of books for the library, to the amount of £9,000, as well as providing



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Farewell to Professor Wood Jones.

Professor Wood Jones attended at the invitation of the Chancellor to say farewell to the members. The Chancellor expressed the great regret of the council and all in the University at the professor's departure. Though he had been with them only for seven years he had made a lasting impression both in the medical school and outside. The work which he had done for the preservation of the fauna of Australia would doubtless be continued and be a permanent memorial of his sojourn in South Australia.

The Vice-Chancellor spoke of the important and new work which Professor Wood Jones was to undertake amongst the races of the Pacific at Honolulu. He was sure that the decision of the Rockefeller Institute to have these problems thoroughly studied by so competent a man would be amply justified, and the University would still claim him as its man.

Sir Joseph Verco said Professor Wood Jones had found adequate work for his eminent ability in South Australia, and he was quite sure that he would find even more in Honolulu. He had given the medical profession in Australia a scientific outlook that would not be lost.

The dean of the faculty of medicine (Dr. Ray) regretted that the students of the medical school should lose so inspiring a teacher at their entrance to the curriculum. It was hard to believe that another could be found who would give the men such a high ideal for their personal conduct and devotion to study.

Professor Wood Jones, in thanking the council for its good wishes, said that he had been most happy in his students, his colleagues, and his scientific work. He left with great reluctance, but the new work had a call which could not be resisted.

Congratulations to Sir William Mitchell.

The Chancellor congratulated the Vice-Chancellor (Professor William Mitchell) upon his having been created a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by his Majesty the King. He said the distinction conferred upon Sir William Mitchell placed the University on the same plane as the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne in the matter of honors. This was extremely satisfactory, but it would be a mistake to suppose that Sir William had been honored because of the position he held in the University, and not for his personal merits and distinction. The fact that he was recommended by the Governor-General and the Federal Cabinet proved otherwise. Sir William's appointment had been cordially received throughout Australia, and it only remained for the University to join in the general acclamation.

The Vice-Chancellor, in thanking the council, said Adelaide had a right to be proud that its University had at its jubilee arrived at a distinction well understood among the Universities of the Empire. He was proud of bearing an honor whereby he represented those who, dead and living, had really made the University.

Professor Rennie.

The Chancellor moved that the council record its deep regret at the death of Professor Rennie, its high appreciation of his long and devoted service to the University, its profound admiration for his work and character, and its heartfelt sympathy with his relatives in the irreparable loss they have sustained. He said everyone connected with the University had felt a sense of bereavement through the death of Professor Rennie. His colleagues on the staff, his students, and his fellow-members of the council equally mourned his loss. "He endeared himself to us all," said the Chancellor, "by his uprightness of character, his sincerity of purpose, and his unswerving devotion to duty and the welfare of the University. During the period of financial stress, of which they had a long experience, he never complained, never sought to gain an advantage over his colleagues. He willingly submitted to circumstances, and undertook work personally for which he should have been provided with assistance. No name stands out in the annals of the University as more worthy of honor than that of Professor Rennie. He was one of our most precious possessions, and it is in deep sorrow that I move this resolution."

The Vice-Chancellor seconded the motion, and, in doing so, read a letter from Professor Chapman, in which he said:—"The University will hardly seem the same place without Professor Rennie, at any rate to me, who has been associated with him there for now 39 years. Just before I came away I congratulated him on his vigorous mentality, and told him he was an inspiring example to some of us. And now he is gone!"

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