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UNIVERSITY UNION

Support from Hon. L. L. Hill

As a former Minister of Education the Hon. L. L. Hill (Leader of the Opposition) is an enthusiastic supporter of the Students' Union Building and War Memorial proposed for Adelaide University. He will take an active part at the public meeting which will be held tomorrow night in Adelaide Town Hall to launch the appeal.

"This scheme may truthfully be described as an extension of the education system of South Australia, for it will afford valuable facilities for the intellectual and social intercourse which is such an essential factor of University life," he said today.

"The proposal to establish a union building to house graduate and undergraduate interests should commend itself to all who realise the value of fostering the finest university traditions. Every school and college has its old scholars' association. Why should Adelaide University be without a similar institution?"

"In the past the University was regarded as an educational institution for the wealthy. Adelaide University was originally established on an endowment from the late Sir Walter Watson Hughes and later Sir Thomas Elder. Then the Government, realising the necessity of giving assistance, paid a subsidy on all endowments.

"Total payments by the Government today to the University and the School of Mines amount to £100,000 a year. Therefore it can be claimed that the free education system in the primary schools of South Australia is gradually being extended to our University and other higher educational institutions."

Mr. Hill added that while Premier he took a keen interest in University requirements, inasmuch as they extended to land and buildings. Of recent years the Government had played an important part in this direction. For instance, the cost of the engineering and physics schools was borne entirely by the Government, and amounted to £49,000.

"By ameliorating the difficulties of student life and by assuring lifelong associations with former students, the proposed union will go a long way toward enabling South Australia to reap the fullest benefits from its university. The appeal merits the warmest support," he concluded.

matic or memorial decoration. The contract, let to H. S. C. Jarvis, of Croydon, included the Lady Symon Building, which was a three-story block—the refectory, which included two shops, a dining room 100 by 45, kitchen 42 by 20, and full residential quarters for caretaker, as well as rooms for the dining-room staff. Two sides of the cloisters were to be built, and the foundations of the other two sides would be put in in order to retain the earth of the internal courtyard. It was hoped that it would be possible to complete the cloisters, as the monumental character of the buildings depended so much upon them. The contract price for the work in hand was £20,162. The architects were Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Jory, and Laybourne-Smith.

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UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP.

SCHEME INAUGURATED TO-NIGHT.

The launching of the big scheme in connection with the Adelaide University Union—comprising students' buildings and a war memorial—will be performed to-night, at the Adelaide Town Hall. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) will preside, and the other speakers will include the Premier (Hon. R. L. Butler), Sir Josiah Symon, the Hon. L. L. Hill, and Mr. Justice Angus Parsons.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Madigan) said yesterday:—"The meeting will be historic, inasmuch as it is the first occasion on which the whole University, council, professors, lecturers, graduates, and undergraduates have been asked to assemble for the achievement of a great object. At the same time it is desired that its scope shall be even larger than this, embracing all sections of the community who are interested in the growth and prosperity of our University. The Union Building will serve to fill the greatest of our needs—the need of fellowship."

An Imposing Edifice.

Mr. Laybourne-Smith, interviewed as to the architectural characteristics of the Union Building, said that the style chosen was one that Sir Christopher Wren developed with great success in England, and some of his work in The Temple, at Morden College, Blackheath, the Guild Hall, Rochester, and at Hampton Court show how admirable brick with stone dressings and quoins may be made. Age was required for the full blending of colour. The cloisters were, perhaps, more Italian in feeling with the light round-headed arches on columns of cut stone. The roundels in the spandrels of the arches would provide space for emble-