



BUILDING DESIGNED TO HOUSE 150,000 BOOKS.

A gift of £32,000 has been made to the University of Adelaide by Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, and it is proposed to erect a library as designed above on a portion of the Jubilee Oval property, if Parliamentary sanction is granted for the use of the land. The structure, which was designed by Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Jory, and Laybourne Smith, Adelaide architects, will be of classical style of the Corinthian order. The body of the building will be of brick, with architectural dressings of stone and cement. It will be in harmony with the other buildings erected on the site, but of a more decorative character. The front portion will comprise the reading room with interior measurements of 151 feet by 57 feet, and the administration block. A basement for scientifically storing books will be provided. This will be the first part to be erected. It will accommodate 150,000 books, of which 10 per cent. will be in the reading room. By donations from the Barr-Smith family the library has grown from 2,000 to 75,000 volumes in 25 years. The design, when fully carried out will allow for the storing of 600,000 books.

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
 DESIGN

Hall To House 150,000
 Books In First Section

TO COST £32,000

(BY OUR ARCHITECTURAL
 CORRESPONDENT)

THE University Library, which it is proposed to erect on a portion of the Jubilee Oval land should Parliament agree to the transfer, has been designed to harmonise with the newer buildings of the University Block with a somewhat more elaborate treatment, according to the plans issued yesterday.

The construction will be in brick, stone and pressed cement work, with tiled roof, the contrasting colours of which will show up very effectively on this site, particularly when, as now, the prevailing natural tint of the surroundings is a vivid green. The detail is Classic Renaissance, the Corinthian Order, which will be carried out with brick ashlar, with pressed cement base capitals and cornice. The columns of the portico over the entrance will be in stone.

FIRST SECTION

This portion of the building to be first erected, the front section of the illustration on page 32, is designed to house the present stock of about 150,000 books in a reading room 121 ft. by 57 ft., with the necessary office accommodation. The architect are Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Jory, and Laybourne Smith.

The cost of the building will be met by the gift of £32,000 made by Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, after whom the building will be named.

The site will probably be selected so as to give a vista along the Pulteney street, but it is hoped that consideration will be given to the possibility of the continuation of that thoroughfare in a graceful curve to link up more easily with Frome road when the Exhibition Building is demolished. A plan showing howing this could be improved, was published recently in 'The Advertiser'.

TO BE BUILT IN FIVE YEARS

Mr. Barr Smith, who stipulated that the library should be built within five years, is a nephew of the late Sir Thomas Smith, G. C. Ld., and one of the founders of the Adelaide University.

Sir Thomas Elder, besides his great gifts to the University and other institutions, bequeathed a sum to found the Elder House.

Another chairman of directors, Mr. Don Peter Waite, called a series of handsome donations for public institutions by the University of Adelaide, by reason of Mr. Barr Smith's gift of £32,000 for the library for the institution. I walked down the 'Varsity' on Saturday morning and inquired his suburban home and estate. I had the Varsity on Saturday morning and inquired his suburban home and estate. I had the Varsity on Saturday morning and inquired his suburban home and estate.

The donor's father, the late Mr. Robert Barr Smith, made grants for the purchase of books for the University library to the amount of £9,000, as well as providing there has been great post-war developments for scientific apparatus. Afternoon and expansion. "I remember you when you were a boy." "Yes, I am beginning on my 27th year and I have been Registrar since Mr. Hodge retired."

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Barr Smith Family

**NATIVES TO BE
 ROUNDED UP**

**Blood Tests: Singing,
 Talking, And Puzzles**

SCIENTISTS' PLANS

(By Our Special Representative on the QUORN, Sunday.—The aborigines of the Arunta and Luricha tribes in the MacDonnell ranges will have some novel experiences in the next fortnight, if the members of the scientific expedition on their way from Adelaide to Alice Springs succeed in getting the information they want. Mobs of blacks from six tribes will be rounded up and brought to Hermannsburg Mission Station. There they will be required to have their fingers pricked to draw blood, be measured in detail from head to foot, and photographed from all angles; and to sing, talk, and do puzzles. The visiting party, including four professors from Adelaide University, hopes to put at least 100 natives of both sexes through these trials, to find out all it can of the fast dying race.

MUCH TO DO

The characteristics of the tribes, they claim, have never been fully investigated, and more particulars are wanted. Tests which the party has in store for the aborigines are primarily to ascertain their physical characteristics, but the investigators also hope to learn much of their intelligence, knowledge, and mode of living.

The party will leave Alice Springs by motor on Wednesday, and make its headquarters at Hermannsburg for about a fortnight.

Dr. T. D. Campbell, who is leading the expedition, said he expected the data they hoped to collect would take months to correlate.

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"I told Sir William that I had personal memories of the old library, because as a rather nervous boy I had sat there for examinations. The vice-chancellor said: 'I have vivid memories of the library when I delivered the address at the commemoration, and the students had a dozen silver slacks presented around the room, and which were a feature of the proceedings.' And then a wonderful snuff paper of the late vice-chancellor. There was nothing of the reservation in it. He was to be reading with about the

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THE result is that the present accommodation is too small, and being upstairs the books too heavy. As a matter of fact, the walls are cracking, and the new library will be a very necessary building.

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Site Of Library

MR. Barclay pointed out the site of the Barr Smith Library. I saw and heard Wuth's elephants tramping on the very spot a few weeks ago. The vista will be across the Jubilee Oval, in the Bonython Hall, for which Sir Langdon Bonython gave £40,000, which will look down Pulteney street. They go back to the main building, and would not help remarking on the location of the old hall. Mr. Barclay said: "I have been from the front of the building with the

memorable (Mr. Wuth) all by a voluntary agreement. Sir William never lost his touch on his saving grace of humanity. I wonder into which profession those resolute undergrads were actually admitted.

Around The Institution

MR. Barclay then kindly took me for a hurried run through several of the more recent buildings. First of all we visited the Dining Building. In 1919 the sons and daughters of the late Mr. John Darling gave £13,000 for a new medical building. This, with equipment, has cost nearly £20,000. In this way Mr. Barclay pointed out the engineering and physics building, given by the Government.

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