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### UNIVERSITY CENTRE AT STRATHALBYN.

STRATHALBYN, April 20.—A public meeting, convened by the mayor, was held at the Institute last night for the purpose of forming a permanent university centre at Strathalbyn. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr. E. J. Tucker, who introduced Mr. C. R. Hodge, registrar of the University. Mr. Hodge stated that a request had been made to the council of the University for a permanent centre at Strathalbyn, so that candidates for the public examinations in general education and in music might present themselves locally instead of going to Adelaide. It was also considered that a permanent centre at Strathalbyn would be convenient to candidates in places like Milang, Goolwa, Port Elliot, and Victor Harbor. Mr. Hodge complimented the people of Strathalbyn on the success attained in the extension lectures, and had no doubt that a permanent centre would be equally successful. It was decided unanimously—"That a permanent centre be formed at Strathalbyn, and that Messrs. E. J. Tucker, C. L. A. Wyatt, the Rev. G. C. Love, the Rev. E. H. Bleby, and Mesdames E. J. Tucker, G. W. Elliott, and N. G. Williams be appointed as a committee, with power to add to their number." The committee will probably be enlarged by a number from each of the towns above mentioned.

made enquiries, and found it would be necessary for a committee to be appointed to negotiate with the university authorities as to the manner in which the money raised should be employed. A small sum would probably provide a scholarship with a gold medal, while a sum of £100 per annum, equivalent to a lump sum of £2,000, would be needed to endow a lectureship.

The resolution was carried unanimously. The Chairman announced that £600 had already been collected or promised.

The Hon. W. B. Rounsevell moved and Mr. W. Bickford seconded, that the daily press be asked to receive subscriptions for the purpose specified in the resolution. This would place the whole of the public in touch with the objective.

The motion was carried, and the secretary to the fund (Mr. J. A. Riley) was also authorised to receive subscriptions.

The following committee was appointed:—Sir Edwin Smith, Sir Lancelot Stirling, Hon. W. B. Rounsevell, Colonel Rowett, Messrs. C. H. Goode, John Gordon, A. S. Cheadle, S. J. Jacobs, W. Gilbert, J. T. Fitch, and B. V. Scrymgeour.

The receipt of the following donations was announced at the meeting:—R. Barr Smith, £100; Sir E. T. Smith, £100; Lady Smith, £50; Jas. Gordon, £50; G. Wood, Son, & Co., £50; G. & R. Wills & Co., £50; Goode, Durrant, & Co., £25; J. Marshall and Co., £25; Peter Waite, £25; T. R. Searle, £25; Richard Smith, £25; A. J. Murray, £25; Geo. Brookman, £10 10/; A. W. Sandford & Co., £10 10/; staff of the late John Creswell, £10 10/; S. J. Jacobs, £5 5/; A. LeMessurier, £5 5/; A. S. Cheadle, £5 5/; Hon. W. B. Rounsevell, £5 5/; W. L. Ware, £5 5/; Jonah Hobbs, £5 5/; John Shiels, £5; T. C. Walker, £3 3/; A. W. Randall, £1 1/; H. Sewell, £1 1/; W. Richardson, £1. We shall be happy to receive and acknowledge further subscriptions to the fund.

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### THE CRESWELL MEMORIAL.

£600 ALREADY SUBSCRIBED.

A meeting of persons interested in the proposal to establish a memorial to the late Mr. John Creswell, was held at the Exchange-room, Adelaide Town Hall, on Wednesday afternoon.

Sir Edwin Smith (president of the S.A. Cricketing Association) presided in the absence of the Mayor, who had a prior engagement. He reviewed the history of the movement, and stated that the desire of Mr. Creswell's friends was to perpetuate his memory by a scholarship or lectureship in connection with the diploma of commerce at the Adelaide University. There was no need to sing the praises of their dead friend, who had been well known to all present, and to thousands of the outside public. They all felt it would be difficult to find another man like him. (Hear, hear.) If he desired to lecture or to preach he was certain he could find no better or more profitable subject than "A noble life, as exemplified by John Creswell." The deceased possessed a noble heart. Though not a rich man, he had always found time to think of others. He left behind the mark of a character which was a monument in itself. He moved—"That in memory of the late John Creswell a sum of money be raised for the purpose of establishing one or more scholarships for prizes, or a lectureship in connection with the diploma of commerce at the University of Adelaide, to bear the name of John Creswell, and be established upon such terms or conditions as may be arranged by a committee appointed for the purpose, and the Council of the University of Adelaide." St. Peter's College, with which the deceased had been long associated as the president of the Old Collegians' Association, had taken up the question of establishing a scholarship, but outside the walls of the college there would be no competition for it. He therefore thought that a movement of the character placed before them would be a better means of perpetuating the memory of their departed friend. (Cheers.)

Mr. A. S. Cheadle (president of the Chamber of Commerce), in seconding the proposition, said that the action being taken would not close the door to the societies or institutions with which Mr. Creswell had been associated, if they wished to take steps individually to keep his memory green. The present proposal, however, afforded an opportunity for the whole of the State to subscribe.

Mr. S. J. Jacobs, as a member of the Council of the University, said the suggestion should have the support of everyone in South Australia. Mr. Creswell had served the State with goodwill, energy, and enthusiasm, so that he was largely instrumental in the success of the societies and movements he had been connected with. He had

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### LIEUT. SHACKLETON.

WILL LECTURE IN ADELAIDE.

Adelaide citizens will be delighted to learn that Lieut. Shackleton has consented to deliver two lectures in this city before proceeding to Europe. The distinguished explorer has already lectured in Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Sydney at the spontaneous invitation of the citizens, and the proceeds accruing have been devoted to charities and university colleges. It is noteworthy that Lieut. Shackleton has decided to receive no remuneration whatever from lectures he may deliver in Australasia. In the interests of the audience, however, it has been the rule to make a charge for admission. Thus over-attendance, which would result from free entrance, is largely overcome, and those more deeply interested in the exploits of the expedition are given a greater chance of obtaining seats. Several days ago Sir Samuel Way (Chancellor of the University) telegraphed to Lieut. Shackleton, inviting him to lecture in Adelaide. Lieut. Shackleton acquiesced, and fixed the date for the evening of May 8. On enquiry being made it was found that the best available building for that evening was the Elder Hall at the University. The Governor has signified his intention to preside at this gathering. As the subject is of such absorbing interest a huge attendance was predicted, and the University authorities were led to urgently request a second lecture. Lieut. Shackleton again consented, and fixed the date of this lecture for May 10. The commander of the expedition, with one or more members of his staff, intends to arrive here on May 8 by the Melbourne express, and will leave on May 13 by the R.M.S. India for Europe.

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ARRIVAL IN ADELAIDE.

A HEARTY WELCOME.

The leader of the Antarctic expedition, Lieutenant Shackleton, whose coming to South Australia has been eagerly awaited, arrived by the Melbourne express on Saturday morning. He was accompanied by his secretary (Mr. A. Saunders), who is a New Zealand journalist. The gallant explorer was welcomed at the station by his Honor the Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House of Assembly the Chief Secretary (Hon. F. S. Wallis), the president of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (Mr. W. B. Wilkinson), Professor Stirling, F.R.S., Messrs. Simpson, Newland, T. Gill, W. P. Auld, A. W. Piper, A. W. Dobbie, and E. K. Thomas. Miss Rees George, secretary of the South Australian branch of the League of the Empire, also extended greetings to Lieutenant Shackleton. Accompanied by Captain Wilbur Wright and Mr. Douglas Mawson, who was one of the Nimrod's party, Lieutenant Shackleton drove to Government House, where he was the guest of his Excellency for the day. Lieutenant Shackleton will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Thomas, at Glenelg, until he leaves by the R.M.S. India for London on Thursday.

The explorer must have been flattered at the cordial reception given him by members of scientific societies, who showed unmistakably their appreciation of his splendid work in the cause of science. Lieutenant Shackleton having completed the hand-shaking, had a brief conversation with Mr. Mawson, who, by his achievements in the Antarctic, has brought renown not only to himself but to the Adelaide University, of which he is one of the instructional staff.

Lieutenant Shackleton has a long list of engagements in front of him, and he believes it will be many months before he will be able to get through them. When he reaches London he will lecture in the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen in the Albert Hall, which is capable of holding nearly 11,000 people. The great scientific institutions of Great Britain, the Continent, and America are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the explorer, to hear from his own lips the story of his intrepid adventures and of the wonderful additions which have been made to science through his aid and that of the eminent gentlemen who accompanied him. Lieutenant Shackleton expects the book that he is publishing to be ready for publication before the end of the year. He has forwarded a considerable quantity of manuscript, photographs, and cinematographic films to London, and he will have the book nearly completed by the time he reaches there, which will be about June 14. "I have some thousands of really good photographs," he said, "and I am very pleased with the cinematographic records. The films will, I hope, give an adequate representation of life in the Antarctic and of the wealth of fish and bird life there."