

SUGGESTED FOUNDATION

OF

UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL

COLLEGE.

A University Residential College.

I.—WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY?

It is *not* only a Teaching Institution,
It is *not* only a place for granting degrees,
It is *not* only a place for acquiring money-making qualifications,
But it is a preparation for *complete living*.

II.—A UNIVERSITY THEREFORE NEEDS—

Not only an efficient Teaching Staff,
But also—

- (1) Opportunities for social intercourse among the students, that they may help to educate each other.
- (2) Training for the students in ideals of "Service."

III.—TO SECURE THESE OBJECTS—

A Residential College System is essential.

IV.—WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE?

It is an institution that provides—

- (1) Good board and lodging at a reasonable cost for undergraduates, especially students from the country.
- (2) Effective supervision of the students, both in their studies and general life.
- (3) Better facilities for sport.
- (4) A tutorial system which tends to create more intimate relations between teacher and taught.
- (5) Moral and spiritual influences at that stage in the education of a young man when some of his most important life decisions are made.

V.—DEFECTS OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

- a. The University of Adelaide has *no* Residential Colleges at present.
- b. This defect is peculiar to the University, in spite of its 48 years of history.
- c. Other Universities in Australia are better off—
 - (i) The University of Sydney has *five* Residential Colleges.
 - (ii) The University of Melbourne has *four* Residential Colleges.
 - (iii) The University of Brisbane has *three* Residential Colleges.

VI.—WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THIS SERIOUS DEFECT IN OUR UNIVERSITY LIFE?

1. Many boys attending our leading Public Schools, on leaving school go to other Universities instead of to Adelaide.
2. Country students are compelled to live isolated lives in uncongenial lodgings, sometimes far from the University.
3. There is no healthy intercollegiate rivalry in work and games between University Colleges, to which boys coming from such schools as St. Peter's College and Prince Alfred College are accustomed.
4. The University as a whole remains nothing but a teaching and an examining body.
5. The different Faculties, such as Law, Medicine, Arts, and Science, tend to keep to themselves, and there is little fruitful interchange of ideas between students attending different courses.

VII.—HOW IS IT PROPOSED TO REMEDY THIS DEFECT?

That Residential Colleges should be founded in connection with the University of Adelaide.

That a start should be made at once in the foundation of a Church of England College.

VII.—BUT WHY A "DENOMINATIONAL" COLLEGE?

1. Because the system of denominational colleges has worked well in other Australian Universities without arousing sectarian bitterness.
2. Because colleges founded in connection with a religious denomination have behind them a permanent and recognized body of supporters in the community.
3. Because such a college, though *not* a theological college, helps the Church, in that its future leaders, who are trained in it, will be educated side by side with men of the other professions.
4. Because the promoters of this movement, who have been members of Residential Colleges in other Universities, feel that a definitely religious foundation is one of the essential factors of a successful college.
5. Because it is hoped other denominations will follow the lead.

VIII.—NOTE, HOWEVER, WHAT A CHURCH OF ENGLAND RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE DOES NOT MEAN.

It does *not* mean (1) a Theological College or Seminary where only candidates for ordination are trained.

It does *not* mean (2) that there will be any religious test necessary for entry.

It does *not* mean (3) that it will be compulsory for non-Church of England students to attend Church of England services.

It does *not* mean (4) that only members of the Church of England will be admitted.

IX.—WHO SHOULD SUPPORT THIS SCHEME?

1. *Old University men*—because it will complete the local University.
2. *All professional men*—because it will ensure better training for the professions.
3. *Old St. Peter's Collegians*—because the new college will carry on the St. Peter's traditions through the University.
4. *Business men*—because the personal ties and friendships and the understanding of other men that bulk so largely in business life will be created and developed there.
5. *All educationalists*—because such a college lays the emphasis on true education as distinct from mere book-learning.
6. *All citizens of South Australia*—because the local University will then fall into line with other Australian Universities.
7. *Those living in the country*—because proper provision will be made for their sons.
8. *All lovers of amateur sport*—because the Residential College is the best nursery for University sport.
9. *All Church people*—because the college life will lead to closer fellowship and mutual understanding between future leaders in the community, both clerical and lay, and because its main aim will be to see that there shall never be wanting a "succession of fit persons to serve God in Church and State."

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