

The University of Adelaide.

Box 498. G.P.O.

5th May, 1921.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, understanding that the name of the new building which is now in course of construction has been a matter of some discussion, beg to submit to you our proposal that the brief title by which the building will be ordinarily known should be:-

"THE DARLING LABORATORIES."

and we would further suggest that this be the name inscribed in tiles on the panel over the doorway, further particulars being set forth on a panel to be placed in the hallway of the building.

Our reasons for preferring this title to any other, are as follows:-

1. The word "Building" should be avoided because, in the first place, there is already a Darling Building in the city; in the second place, the word Building is more generally associated with a place of business than a University; and in the third place, it is customary in all scientific and technical journals to place at the head of the article the

name of the Laboratory or Department from which it proceeds, and never the name of a building. Thus, an article appears "From the Department of Pathology of the University of Adelaide", or, if the title which we propose is adopted, it might appear from "The Darling Laboratory of Pathology of the University of Adelaide". It would be contrary to all custom to head an article as proceeding from "The Department of Pathology in the Darling Building of the University of Adelaide", and such a heading, if sent in upon a manuscript, would invariably be amended by the Editor to conform with usual practice. Such amendment would consist in deletion of the words "in the Darling Building", and hence the memory of the Donor would fail of perpetuation in connection with the most important outcome of his gift, namely, the original discoveries which it will in the future make possible.

2. The word "Medical" cannot be included in the short title of the building, because, in the first place, a Laboratory not distinctively or exclusively medical will be housed in the building, namely the Laboratory of Zoology, and in the second place, we now possess other medical buildings; for example, the Department of Anatomy.

3. The title proposed is brief and distinctive, and is easily quoted and remembered. In the future we hope that these

laboratories will become identified both locally and elsewhere with the University and the work of the University Staff. A lengthy title, or the inclusion of Christian names, as is so frequently the practice in America, usually leads either to the dropping of the name altogether, excepting in official publications, or to the adoption of some unauthorised abbreviation.

If there be anything inadequate in the title we propose, as a description of the gift and purposes of the donors, these omissions can be remedied in the inscription which is to be placed upon the tablet within the building itself. On that it can be stated in full that the family of the late Mr. John Darling presented these Laboratories for the furtherance of Medical Science and Education.

We remain,

Yours respectfully,

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