



The Official Opening

of the new building of the

Women's College

within the

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

by

HER EXCELLENCY LADY SLIM

on

14th MARCH, 1959

*The Band of the Moreton Regiment will be in attendance*

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# PROGRAMME

2.50 p.m. :

Arrival and reception of Her Excellency Lady Slim and party.

Presentation of bouquet to Her Excellency by Miss Betty McAdam, Senior Student of the College.

Mr. E. R. Cuppidge, President of the Council will welcome Her Excellency and deliver an address.

Sir Albert Axon, K.B.E., M.E., M.I.E. Aust., Chancellor of the University of Queensland will deliver an address.

The Hon. J. C. A. Pizzey, M.L.A., Minister for Education for the State of Queensland will deliver an address.

Her Excellency Lady Slim, will officially open the College and unveil a commemorative plaque.

Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin will propose, and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. T. R. Groom, O.B.E., B.A., will second, a vote of thanks to Her Excellency.

The Principal, Miss E. N. M. Macindoe, B.Sc., will make a presentation to Her Excellency.

The National Anthem will be sung.

Her Excellency and party will make an inspection of the College.

Afternoon tea will be served to guests at the conclusion of the inspection by Her Excellency.

# BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

The Women's College within the University of Queensland was the third University College for women to be established in Australia. It was founded in 1914 to provide residence within an academic community, tutorial assistance, and supervision for women undergraduates compelled to live away from home to attend University courses. Dr. Freda Bage, O.B.E., was the first Principal and held the appointment for thirty-three years, and was followed by Miss Margaret Piddington, B.A., who resigned in 1958; Miss E. N. M. Macindoe, B.Sc., is the present Principal.

The College owes its origin to the efforts of a small group of women who formed the nucleus of the Standing Committee for the Establishment of a Women's College, of which the first President was Mrs. J. S. P. Bourne. This committee raised an initial sum, which, with a Queensland Government subsidy, enabled the College to be opened at Kangaroo Point.

Since 1914, the College has been administered by a Council. The Standing Committee has acted as an auxiliary for the College.

During the forty-five years of its life more than five hundred students have passed through the College from all parts of Queensland, a few from other states and other parts of the world. With the building of the University at St. Lucia, and the allocation of a building site in the University Grounds to the Women's College, it became essential to plan a new building, designed as a College, and in keeping with the standard set by the University itself. In 1939 a Building Appeal was organised by a Committee of which the activities were necessarily suspended during the war. The Committee was re-organised and the task taken up with renewed vigour in 1949.

The College plans to provide ultimately for a college of about two hundred undergraduates, and the building to be opened today provides for seventy undergraduates. Each stage of development will function as if the College were completed. At present, for example, the Library is temporarily housed, the Freda Bage Common Room is temporarily part of the Reception area, and four undergraduate rooms are in use by resident domestic staff. The present unit has already cost £208,000. Besides the gifts and legacies of individual donors and interested groups, this sum includes generous contributions from business houses in this and other states to the Joint Appeal of the Affiliated Residential Colleges; and substantial subsidies by the Government of Queensland and the Commonwealth Government; £20,000 is still to be raised. The extensions cut back from the original plan will cost a further large sum, and the College has a waiting list.

The furnishings of the College have been largely provided by a special effort by the Standing Committee, and have been chosen for ease of maintenance and reduction in domestic costs.

The ceremony today marks a decisive occasion, and an achievement by those connected with the Appeal and the College and their public-spirited supporters. The students of the College have already given proof, as they have gone forth to give service to the community in professions of value to every citizen, and not least as educated women in community life, that the confidence in them of Queenslanders is not misplaced.