

COLLEGE

*Archibald Grenfell Price*

*The choice reward of a man's work lies not in the applause of the street which comes and goes but in the pride of those who have worked with him and know him best. Dr. Grenfell Price, on his retirement from the Mastership of St. Mark's College, must rest assured and comforted by the pride of the College in what has been accomplished. In addition to this he himself has that most precious joy — the joy of achievement.*

*In an illustrated record of the first hundred years of the Collegiate School of St. Peter (1847-1947) published under his editorship there is a reproduction of an early print of the school showing also a proposed University College. This impressive edifice actually dominates the scene. It proved, however, to be a "castle in the air". The print though buried in the school archives was known to Grenfell Price and to other St. Peter's masters. It and other factors prompted them to take the action in 1920 which Grenfell Price has recorded in his "Reminiscences". Between 1921 and 1924, in which year he was appointed Master of St. Mark's College, he did valuable spade work in its foundation. The decision to appoint him proved to be a very wise one. Right from the jump the Master threw himself heart and soul into what was verily a fight for survival; survival of the new born College, suffering as it was from financial inanition. But his courage never failed him throughout the strains and stresses of those strenuous early years. Grenfell Price has a fortunate gift of genius for finance that a budding Chancellor of the Exchequer might well envy. It enabled him to nurse the College with devotion and ability—not only through the perilous period of its infancy but later in more halcyon times.*

*The retiring Master is blessed, too, with a sense of humour. His sudden blasts of hilarity will live long in the memory of all who have heard them. His cultural attainments are noteworthy and have attracted attention in scientific centres overseas. The Chancellor of the University of Adelaide in his recent address at the last Commemoration used these words "The Australian Humanities Research Council's new Secretary is Dr. Grenfell Price who retired at the end of the year from his long association with St. Mark's College. He had been its Master from its foundation in 1925, and I should say that the University takes a very real interest in the Colleges. We are all aware of the great debt that St. Mark's owes to Dr. Grenfell Price for his vigorous yet urbane guidance through the critical years of its establishment, and it is an obligation which we acknowledge as a service to the University." This is high testimony to a pioneer who with others led to a revolution in the structure of the University by the foundation of the satellite denominational University Colleges. This tribute to Dr. Grenfell Price would fail in its purpose were Mrs. Price not to share in it. Throughout his mastership she could not have been a better ally to him or benefactor to St. Mark's. As an active founder of St. Ann's College, she, too, is a revolutionary—a most gracious one—in her own right.*

*Every good wish of St. Mark's will accompany Dr. Grenfell Price and his wife in his new activity as Secretary of the Australian Humanities Research Council. Di laboribus omnia vendunt.*

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