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### ST. MARK'S COLLEGE.

## 1 Wharf Mr. A. Grenfell Price, M.A., Appointed Master.

The opening of St. Mark's Residential College on Pennington terrace, North Adelaide, next February, will be the first important stage in the development in this State of the tutorial system for University students.

Mr. A. Grenfell Price, M.A. (Oxford), F.R.G.S., Dip. Ed., has been appointed master of St. Mark's College. His selection will meet with general approval in advanced educational circles. He has been on the staff of St. Peter's College as assistant master since 1916, and has had a most distinguished career. He is an old St. Peter's College boy, having entered in 1904, and was head of the school in his last year, 1910, in history, English literature, and divinity; and twice won the Smith History Prize. He represented the school in intercollegiate athletics, having been vice captain in 1910. From 1911 to 1915 he was at Magdalen College,



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**Geographical Research.**

In the same year Mr. Price was elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain, and in 1923 became an associate member of the Australian National Research Council. He contributed a paper on "The Settlement of South Australia up to 1920," at the recent meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science. A few months ago, also, he published the book, which perhaps will make him the widest known outside Australia—"The Foundation and Settlement of South Australia, 1829 to 1845." The work has been favourably reviewed throughout the Empire. Mr. Price has also found time to lecture to the Geographical Society of South Australia on geographical problems. He has also interested himself greatly in the Assistant Masters' Association, and was appointed last year to honorary secretary of the Institute of Associated Teachers of South Australia. At St. Peter's College Mr. Price has been in charge for the last five years of the fifth modern form, and has been the master responsible for the teaching of geography throughout the school.

**"Rising Young Historian."**

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#### Open to All Undergraduates.

Mr. Bickersteth expressed the hope that not only old St. Peter's boys, but also those educated elsewhere, would make use of the college. It was the first residential institution founded in connection with the University of Adelaide, and had received the warm commendation of the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) on Wednesday. The chancellor had said that of the two systems—residential and non-residential—for undergraduates he considered that the former was the better, having experienced both. The college, Mr. Bickersteth observed, was most conveniently situated—in close proximity to the University, and at present would accommodate 15 students, and there was ample room to permit of extensions, plans of which were before the committee, with an ultimate aim of providing room for 120. Already a good number of applications had been received from students, who wished to be included among the first to go into residence there. Mr. Bickersteth emphasized the point that St. Mark's was not a theological college, but one for students of all the faculties, and its doors would be opened to undergraduates from all parts of the Commonwealth. It had been affiliated with the University, and really marked the inauguration of the tutorial system, which was a feature of Cambridge and Oxford Universities, at which there were 4,000 students in residence. In Melbourne there were more than 500.

#### New Master Enthusiastic.

Mr. Price was delighted over his new appointment when seen on Thursday, and will undoubtedly lay the foundations of some fine traditions in his new sphere of activity. "My idea is," he said, "that it is a tremendous advantage for young undergraduates of different professions to live together, and enjoy helpful interchange of opinion, which they could not get to the same extent in their own homes, or in strange surroundings, which often do not provide for quietude and privacy, so necessary during hours of study. In time, as the numbers increase, I hope to evolve a regular college system, and with distinct sports teams. We are still receiving practical support from generous patrons, one of whom has given a sum sufficient to equip a tennis court."

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