

WOMEN OF THE FUTURE ARE HERE

Her Excellency, Lady Slim, wife of the Governor-General, yesterday officially opened the new Women's College at Queensland University.

Capped and gowned women students formed a guard of honour for Lady Slim as she walked through a crowd of 1500 people to the dais with college principal, Miss E. N. Macindoe.

"There is no longer any question of the value of higher education for women although so many, so quickly, abandon promising careers for marriage," said Lady Slim.

"Surely as wives and mothers, such women will be among the greatest builders of Australia's future," she said.

Lady Slim, who wore a straight blue linen frock with a flower-and-velvet ribbon head-hugging hat, received a bouquet from senior student Miss Betty McAdam.

President of the College Council (Mr. E. R. Cuppaidge) welcomed Lady Slim.

The University Chancellor (Sir Albert Axon) said much more should be done to encourage women to study at the University.

The Education Minister (Mr. Pizzey) said the Government was proud to have Lady Slim open the college. [...] was considering the establishment of a university centre in North Queensland, but felt it was not yet time for it, he said.

Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin proposed a vote of thanks for Lady Slim, and was seconded by Mrs. Groom, wife of the Lord Mayor.

Before she unveiled a plaque which will commemorate the opening, Lady Slim was given an album of photographs of the college by the principal, Miss Macindoe.

She was taken on a brief tour of the college and then to the principal's home for afternoon tea with an official party.

On the steps of the house she met the original principal of the college Dr. Freda Bage, and her successor, Miss Margaret Piddington.

Dr. Bage was appointed principal when the college was founded in 1914. She held the position for 33 years, and in that time she helped start the fund to build new accommodation for college students. The college then was housed in old wooden buildings in Kangaroo Point.

Miss Piddington continued to work for the fund and helped plan the new college until she retired in November, 1957, and was replaced by Miss Macindoe.

"You must feel proud when you see the marvellous results of your work," Lady Slim told the former principals.

Guests were served afternoon tea and were free to inspect the college.

A neighbouring college, Duchesne, will be opened by Archbishop Duhig today.

