

the Chief Justice, as we have said, has discharged numerous others of a voluntary character with singular ability and success. His connection with the University, first as vice-chancellor and for the last eight years as chancellor, belongs to the period of greatest growth of this Institution, and it is not too much to say that the University is indebted in no small measure for the progress it has made to his labors on its behalf. His practical interest in all educational and philanthropic movements has been demonstrated in a variety of ways. The services of his Honor are eagerly sought for in connection with the management of charitable and other societies, and the explanation is not far to seek. The influence of his name and position is by no means all that is secured when his patronage is given. The Chief Justice is a willing worker, and there are few movements into which he does not throw himself heart and soul when he has become in any way associated with them. He has energy, business-like tact, and acumen, and his presence on a board or committee is a source of real strength to the institution with which he is connected. The industry of the Chief Justice has been exhibited in an exceedingly wide field, but always to the advantage of the community. Such a man, even if he leaves us only for a year, will be greatly missed. But those who work the hardest are the best entitled to a season of rest and recreation, and no one will grudge his Honor the comparatively brief leave of absence he has applied for after fifteen years of unremitting labor in the public interest.

The departure of Chief Justice Way on his trip to England furnishes an adequate occasion for a public banquet by way of recognition of his services. Such a banquet has been proposed, but his Honor has declined to accept the compliment. It is to be regretted that from feelings of modesty or other motives he has arrived at this decision, as there are large numbers who would have welcomed such an opportunity of doing honor to a public-spirited citizen who, apart from his judicial capacity, has rendered innumerable services of great value to the community. Still, his Honor will feel that his labors are not unappreciated. He has not been so long prominent in good works without obtaining the general respect which is the natural and proper reward of all who labor for others. He has also the much more valuable recompense which consists in the knowledge that talents and opportunities have been usefully employed in furthering the interests of one's adopted country. It is to be hoped that his Honor will receive so much benefit from his trip that on his return to the colony he will be able to resume his many public functions with renewed energy and zeal. Though no longer quite a young man, he has yet to all appearance a splendid reserve of vitality, and may be regarded as still in the prime of life and the zenith of his career. Until they have reached his age few lawyers leave the bar for the bench. It is therefore reasonable to expect that South Australia will have the benefit of his labors for many long years to come, and that the future will at least equal the brilliant record of the past. His Honor will take with him when he leaves for Europe the good wishes of a host of friends, who will join in desiring for him a pleasant holiday and a safe return.

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THE NEW LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

The announcement of the appointment of the Chief Justice to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, which we are authorized by His Excellency to make public, will be received with much pleasure by all classes of colonists. It has long been felt that the many public services which His Honor has rendered eminently entitled him to some mark of recognition, and there has been a feeling of regret that he has not seen fit to accept the distinctions that have been offered to him in the past. We have so recently referred to His Honor's public spirited and unselfish services from the time when he was raised to the Judicial Bench that it is unnecessary to do more than make the barest allusion to them now. The distinguished mark of Royal favour which has just been conferred upon him will, we have reason to believe, be peculiarly gratifying to His Honor, and the pleasure it will afford to South Australians will be enhanced by a knowledge of the steps that have led to the appointment being made. Lord Kintore, like other Governors who have preceded him, has found in the Chief Justice a trusty Counsellor, whose valuable assistance has been ungrudgingly given when it has been sought. His Excellency has been quick to recognise the merits of the Chief Justice, and has used the influence he possessed with the Imperial Government to press His Honor's claims to the distinguished mark of Her Majesty's favour which has now been conferred. In taking these steps His Excellency has also been influenced by the unvarying respect and goodwill which he has received from all classes since he arrived in the colony, and we are sure that we rightly interpret the feelings of colonists when we say that he could not have selected any mode of expressing his goodwill that would have given more general pleasure and satisfaction.

We believe we are correct in saying that there is only one other Australasian colony in which an appointment of Lieutenant-Governor has been made. In the present instance the appointment is doubly gratifying, because it has been conferred upon one who is eminently deserving of the honour, and because no circumstances have arisen to render it desirable that there should be a permanent Lieutenant-Governor, lest by the operation of the dormant commission, or in connection with the appointment of a Deputy-Governor during His Excellency's absence, some difficulty might arise as to the efficient discharge of viceregal duties. Either by virtue of the dormant commission, or of his appointment as Deputy-Governor, the Chief Justice has had frequent and varied experience of viceregal office. In every instance in which he has been called upon to act in the absence of a Governor, and in some cases the interregnum has been a long one, he has discharged the social and the official duties of the high position in a manner which has given unqualified satisfaction. In addition