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mission appointed in November, 1881. The investigation, which was very exhaustive, was confined mainly to primary education. The Commission found that the transfer of pupils from the Council to the responsible Minister had been beneficial, and that there had been marked and progressive improvement in the organization and in the quality of the education imparted. Some of the witnesses complained that the Inspector-General had been overbearing and arbitrary in his manner and official conduct, but the more serious charges were not sustained. Indeed the Commission entertained no doubt of Mr. Hartley’s desire to be fair and to act justly. Their report concluded with a tribute to the Inspector-General’s indefatigable industry, magnetic administrative powers and enthusiasm in promoting the education of the children of the people. And this testimony will be endorsed by every one, except perhaps the very few who could not judge his motives, for the simple reason that they were not acquainted with him, or were unable to appreciate the combination of forethought, calmness, and earnest purpose which characterized his temperament. He fought his way through unpopularity, till ultimately the few who were his opponents were only those who had not been brought into contact with him. No man in the colony more completely outlived the prejudices formed against him. The peculiar development of the school system of the colony, Mr. Hartley was responsible for the admirable methods adopted from time to time, and for numerous reforms in our national system of education. The improvement in the teaching of arithmetic, for instance, must ever be associated with his name. The old abstract method was supplanted by the concrete and more realistic mode. The perfection of the work and manner of teaching was really the life work of the late Inspector-General, and various textbooks, school books, owe their origin to Mr. Hartley in their development. He was practically the guiding spirit of the Education Department from almost its very beginnings to its present position. The introduction of free education involved increased labor, but Mr. Hartley was equal to the responsibilities of the work and to the demands which were made upon the department. Indeed, Mr. Hartley was universally acknowledged to be the man in South Australia competent to shape the destinies of our department of national education. In December, 1875, he was appointed President of the Colonial Education, the Hon. J. P. (now Mr. Justice) Boucaut was Premier, and the Hon. E. Ward, M.L.C., was the Ministerial head of the department. The other members of the Government were His Honor the Chief Justice, the late Sir William Morgan, Sir John Colton and the Hon. T. Playford, now Agent-General for South Australia in England. Sir William Morgan was Premier of the colony when he took office as Inspector-General, and the late Hon. Thomas King was Minister of Education. Since then Mr. Hartley had served under five Premiers—Sir E. T. Smith, Sir R. C. Baker and Dr. Cockburn, Mr. J. C. F. Johnson, the Hon. J. H. Gordon, the late Hon. D. Bews, the Hon. J. G. Jenkins, Mr. W. Copley, the Hon. J. H. Gordon, Mr. Copley, also a second time, and the present Minister, the Hon. Dr. Cockburn. A few years ago the late Inspector-General, Sir T. D. Smith, wrote: ‘Mr. Hartley was a man of firm and principle, with a firm and independent mind. His principles were based on the Bible and he lived up to them. He was a man of many parts, and I am sure that the people of South Australia will always remember him with the highest respect and regard.'
THE INQUEST.
The City Coroner, Dr. H. T. Whittell, on Tuesday afternoon, held an enquiry at the St. John's Hospital into the circumstances attending the death of John Anderson Hartley.

Mr. James Hatt was elected Foreman.

After the Jury had been sworn in the Coroner intimated that the police had not had time to work up the evidence in connection with the case, and he therefore only proposed to take evidence as to the identity of the deceased that afternoon. After this had been taken he would adjourn the enquiry until the police were ready with the evidence.

Harry Alexander Curtis, Chief Clerk in the office of Inspector-General of Schools, identified the body as that of John Anderson Hartley. He was Inspector-General of Schools, and resided at Bath-street, College Road. The deceased was 32 years of age, and seen him almost daily, and was under the impression that he was in good health. He was not, so far as witness was aware, subject to fainting fits, but, on the contrary, was of a very healthy constitution. Had never seen him riding, and could not say whether he was an expert rider. He was a very cautious man and would not run into danger.

The Coroner stated that they had taken sufficient evidence to allow of the body being buried, and he therefore adjourned the enquiry at the request of the Jury until Friday morning, at 11 o'clock.

EULOGISTIC REFERENCES.
TRIBUTE FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.
The Hon. Dr. Cockburn, the Minister for Education and Agriculture, was associated with the late Inspector-General of Schools various times for nearly six years, and he is deeply affected, not only by the loss of one with whom he has been so long a friend on intimate official relations, but also of a valued personal friend. Speaking to one of his staff on Tuesday, the Minister made the following tribute to the character of the late Inspector-General of Schools:

I regarded Mr. Hartley as an ideal educationalist, not only from his extensive technical knowledge of all subjects relating to education, from the infant school to the university, but also from his infinite worth as a man, his high sense of honour, courage, and his absolute devotion to truth and justice, uniting to form an ideal which shall be held before both teachers and children as the pattern on which the lines of character should be formed. Of all the men I have ever seen or read of, there is no one, in my opinion, who possesses the attributes to be
possessed more of the qualities to be possessed in one holding the high and responsible position of guardian of the minds of children. The loss is simply irreparable, and no man as occupied a public position in South Australia will ever be more sincerely mourned by the community. His was popularity in the best sense of the word. The high respect in which he was held by the public resulted from his unflinching performance of duty in the face of many difficulties, as then and now agree who remember the Commision, which sat some four years ago. That was the time of his from it he emerged triumphant.
Only those who had the privilege of his personal knowledge knew the gentleness which was associated with his firmness as an administrator. Nothing occasioned him greater pain than when any of his subordinates fell under the censure of the department, and little do some who at times have thought him severe know the infinite trouble he took in bringing forward every plea which could be urged as a mitigation of any punishment that had to be inflicted.

Mr. Hartley's reputation was not limited to South Australia. He was regarded as one of the world's authorities on education. Illness necessitated his resumption of duties by telegram from Melbourne, and his presence was anxiously enquired into as to his condition.

Mr. Hartley's whole life was indeed wrapped up in the work of the department to which he was a labour of love. Many more highly remunerative positions elsewhere have been offered to tempt him away from the position which he filled so well. But the work itself and not the salary formed in his eyes its own reward. He was the author of practically all the books used in our schools and used largely in the schools of the Colonies. The sales of the books have for years past more than covered the amount of his official salary. At the time that he met with the unfortunate accident he was busily engaged in planning the additional publication of books which will be necessary in view of the proposed free supply to children. Of course, all the public schools in the colony will be closed to-day, the day of the funeral, and instructions to that effect have already been distributed by Sir Charles Todd to every school within reach of our telegraph system.

The Commissioner of Police has undertaken to marshal the procession.

EULOGY BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.

A member of our staff waited upon His Honor the Chief Justice, Chancellor of the University, to announce the death of the late Inspector-General of Schools. The Chancellor passed the following eulogy upon the life of the late Inspector-General of Schools:

The great loss which every member of the community has sustained in the death of Mr. Hartley is accentuated in my case by the fact that for more than a quarter of a century we were closely associated in educational work and he was a valued personal friend. I noticed Mr. Hartley's remarkable talent and administrative ability from the time he became Head Master of Prince Alfred College, and when I was appointed to a seat on the old Education Board, I was a member of the Boucaut Administration, of which Mr. Boucaut was a member passed the new Education Act of 1875. The Bill was drafted by the Premier, Mr. Boucaut, and a grave responsibility was thrown upon the Administration of the day in selecting the official who was to be the head of the new department. On my recommendation Mr. Hartley was appointed to that position with the title of President of the Council of Education, and that appointment more than justified. The position suited him, he was a man of character, and no one who watched the development of our education system can fail to recognize that it is a monument to Mr. Hartley's remarkable energy, courage, administrative skill, and devotion to his work. In all my experience I have never...
known a more persistent and capable worker. In fact he seemed inhabitable to fatigue, and I have often remarked the readiness with which he turned from one task to another of an entirely different character. Like myself, Mr. Hartley was a member of the University Association, which was formed to give practical effect to the munificent donations of the late Sir Walter Watson Hughes and Sir Thomas Elder, which resulted in the foundation of the University. That Association co-operated with the Government in the framing and passing of the Public Education Act and the endowments both in money and land provided by that measure. Mr. Hartley was appointed a member of the first University Council, and he continued to be a member ever since that body became an elective one. From the very outset he was an active member of the Council and of most of the faculties. It may be mentioned that the curriculum in each faculty bears traces of his remarkable influence. Some also may be said to have had some extent of his influence consolidated by his judicious examinations and under his supervision the old matrix of examinations has been substituted for the primary, the public examination – the Public Examinations. The Senior, the Junior, the Senior, and the Advanced of the same were all the product of his readiness with his source, his unrivalled experience, and practical genius. In fact, no one could have a larger share than himself in the growth of the University from the beginnings to the present time, nor had any one caused a more commanding influence in bringing the institution to its present development. He served as Inspector of Schools, and his experience as an educationist in the advanced schools – at Prince Alfred College and in his previous career – placed him more completely in touch than perhaps any other man connected with the University with each successive stage of education, from the primary schools to the University itself. The public have no conception of the time which he spent, quite apart from his duties, in voluntary work for the University as an examiner and upon the various committees and Councils. His position was that of an exclusively academic character. For many years up to the time of his death he served on the Finance Committee, and for some time he was Chairman of both the Finance and Education Committees at which most of the administrative work of the University is threshed out. It was in recognition of his distinguished services that when the Ven. Archdeacon Farr retired from the Vice-Chancellorship in 1893 Mr. Hartley was unanimously elected to succeed him. In reviewing the history of the University it is my opinion that the record of the late Vice-Chancellor’s distinguished career, in which he was a member of the Council or the Senate. I am sure also that South Australia has had no able, more conscientious, or indefatigable public servant or one animated by a higher sense of duty or greater fearlessness, than the late Mr. Hartley. When I was in Canada I was accustomed to see the bust of Dr. Ryerson a Methodist, like Mr. Hartley – in all the public schools.
TRIBUTE BY COLONEL MADLEY.

Colonel Madley, the Commissioner of Police, who until lately was Principal of the Training College, was asked if he desired to say anything with regard to the life of his late respected friend. The Colonel, speaking to our representative under feelings of deep emotion, remarked—"Well, you may say if you like that I was associated with Mr. Hartley for the last twenty-two years, and was admitted to his confidence in nearly all matters pertaining to the department. During the whole of that time our intercourse was one of unbroken friendship; indeed, never did I hear one hard or cross word from his lips, although at times we differed in our opinions. My feeling for the late Mr. Hartley was one of reverence. I never met a man so thoroughly devoted to his work and to the interests of those under him as he was at all times. His grasp of work to the minutest detail was simply phenomenal. He considered no trouble too great to work out the simplest detail on every matter that came before him. In his administration and his dealings with those under him he was—well, the very essence of justice. He was one of the most tender-hearted men I ever met. There were many cases where at his personal expense he relieved distress, and this was known to but very few. Truly he never let his left hand know what his right hand did. To a teacher in sickness or distress he had the heart of a woman. I have known that man," said Colonel Madley, "come to my office on occasions when he had to express his disapprobation of the conduct of teachers in the shape of punishment, and tell me the circumstances with tears in his eyes."

A FRIEND'S TRIBUTE.

Among the many thousands who regret most deeply the loss of such a sterling man as the late Mr. J. A. Hartley is his old companion and intimate friend, Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., Principal of Prince Alfred College, who succeeded the late Inspector-General of Schools in the Head Mastership of that excellent institution. Speaking to a representative of the Register yesterday, Mr. Chapple said—"You put it quite correctly; the loss of Mr. Hartley is a national one. He was a man whose equal it would be hard to find; he was so genuine, so earnest, so full of his work, and so tireless in the pursuit of his duty. He was the best friend I ever had in my life—a man you could always be sure of if you wanted safe advice, for he was full of kindliness and information. There were three of us friends—J. A. Hartley, Joe Sunter, and myself—and I am the only one left of the trio. We used to be together as often as possible. Yes, I am the only one.
left,” added Mr. Chapple, with a sigh, “now poor Hartley has gone. I need not tell you the history of his connection with this College. It has been published; but I may say without disparagement to his predecessor that with his great administrative ability and uncommon grasp of things he made marked improvements in the general order of things. The school had only been established for two years, and there was much in the way of organization to do, but he was equal to it and was soon master of the situation. Naturally he gave to the work his whole time and attention, and laid down rules to the excellence of which the condition of the College eloquently testifies. When I succeeded him I found it in the perfection of order, and continued on the admirable system
he established. He never lost interest in the institution, even after he had severed his connection with it. He was in a position to do so, and he did so. He was on the lines of the modern school, giving the boys an education in both the arts and sciences. He was aware of the needs of South Australian boys, and he met them with enthusiasm.

He was a man of strong personality and distinct force of character, with a great faculty for mastering details and remembering them. He remembered every boy's career, his capabilities, and his peculiarities. I found existing among the boys a most enthusiastic admiration and fond affection for him, and his reception at the old scholars' meetings was proof of the esteem in which he was held. They seemed to have the feeling that they might never look upon him like again.

It was one of my difficulties as his successor to attain to the standard, for I did not mind Jonathan Swift's remark, but it is not to be expected that David will be a Jonathan. No; being short-sighted he could not join in the sports of the boys as some masters do, but he had a hearty sympathy for them, and in debating and literary societies he was one of the warmest debaters, encouraging the others to the utmost.

I was his custom to have the boys and men like the Rev. T. E. Thomas, the late J. J. Hunter, and Mr. Scott round at his house on a Saturday. He never considered his work as one that could be done at points. His whole life was given to it. He was for many years Trustee and Secretary of the Kent Town Wesleyan Church, and was always loyal to the Church of his father. He detested everything mean and despicable, and was down upon any boy who did contemptible things, visiting him with righteous indignation.

He could gauge a boy's mental capacity accurately, and was exceedingly clear in his demonstrations. His real leaning was towards a literary life, and his mind was always open. He had been a wrangler, but I think I should have done something in classics. His recreations were simple; he was exceedingly fond of amateur gardening, and encouraged many of the students in it, and he was also a great walker, besides being given to exercise on the tricycle. He took the gold medal in the London University for botany, and always had his love for the practical part of the study.

He was a clever whist-player, and a proficient in chess. He was most conversant at the Western College, when he was the tutor of the boys. He did a lot of good work at the college. Where he was a leading man on University question, being such a master of almost every science as to be able to answer questions on any subject. He was a man of great resource, and remember on one occasion drawing up a list of all the questions that were in his mind. I shall bring the list to you, and I shall do it, he did, and he did, and he did, and he did. The work was done, and was done.

**Biology by Dr. Torr.**

Dr. W. G. Torr, M.A., B.C.L., of Way College, writes:— "The story of the ascent of half-way is a thrilling experience. One of the first students having ascended the flag on the Post-office, the other came up, saying half-whispering, 'Is that for Mr. Hartley, Sir?'" It seemed too much for us all. I could only remember young man twenty years ago trying to help himself to study, who, meeting Mr. Hartley, then Chairman of the Board of Education..."
An old and esteemed friend of the late Mr. Hartley, in the course of a feeling reference to the deceased gentleman’s life, states:—“Upto Sunday morning the symptoms were decidedly favourable, and the doctors entertained considerable hopes of the possibility of a recovery, although at no time would they give any definite statement to that effect, as the chances of recovery in such cases of fracture of the skull are considerably against the patient. It was on Sunday evening that the symptoms assumed an unfavourable aspect, while on Monday morning the patient assumed a drowsy state, and the temperature at the same time became most unsatisfactory. From Monday morning the deceased gentleman began to sink, and then became unconscious up till a few minutes past 9 this morning, when he breathed his last. Mr. Hartley, who was attended by Mrs. Sunter, widow of the late classical Master of Prince Alfred College, most of the time, was present when her husband died. Professor Watson and Mrs. Hayward, Corbin, London, Russell, and Stirling were most unremitting in their attentions.

It is a coincidence that Mr. Hartley should have died within a few weeks of the death of Mr. J. T. Sunter, B.A., who was Second Master of Prince Alfred College. Mr. Hartley had been regularly present at the annual dinner of the Prince Alfred Collegians’ Association this year; it was decided to send a letter to Mrs. Sunter expressing sympathy with her husband’s illness and the hope that he would soon recover. Mrs. Sunter received the letter just about the time of her husband’s death. On Saturday last, at the annual meeting of the same Association, a similar letter was directed to be sent to Mrs. Hartley; this letter was posted on Monday.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mr. Hartley will leave the Adelaide Hospital at 12 noon to-day for the North-road Cemetery. The Rev. R. S. Casey, minister of the Pirie-street Wesleyan Church, will hold a short service in the Hospital Chapel at half past 11, and the service at the grave will...
at half past 11, and the service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Poole, of Ballarat, who will arrive by the Melbourne express this morning. The funeral arrangements will be carried out by Messrs. Pengelley and Knabe.

The Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Cockburn, has directed that all schools under the department shall be closed to-day. Teachers of city and suburban and other schools near Adelaide are invited to allow any scholars of the second class and upwards, who desire to do so, to follow in procession. It will be necessary that they should assemble in assigned positions in Frome-road at 11.30.

A meeting of head teachers was held at the Training College last evening for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements.

The remains of the deceased gentleman will be buried alongside those of the late Mr. Sunter.
UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENTS POSTPONED.

In consequence of the lamented death of Mr. Hartley, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the conversations which had been arranged for last evening in connection with the University Boat Club have been postponed till a future date. The lecture by Dr. Stirling announced for this evening will not be delivered. The course will be resumed next Wednesday. Professor Mitchell’s education class did not, for the same reason, meet last night.

GRIEF IN THE COUNTRY.

Port Pirie, September 13.

Mr. Hartley’s death is regarded here as a national loss. Deep regret and widespread sympathy are being expressed, and many persons would have attended the funeral had the time been opportune.

Maitland, September 13.

Profound regret was expressed here on receipt of the intelligence that the recent accident to Mr. Hartley had resulted fatally.

Farrell’s Flat, September 13.

General regret was expressed here on the news being circulated of Mr. Hartley’s death, the loss of such an able officer being felt keenly.

Yorketown, September 13.

Much regret is felt on account of Mr. Hartley’s death.

Eudunda, September 13.

Great regret is expressed here by the pupils and Eudunda residents at the death of Mr. J. A. Hartley.

Broken Hill, September 13.

The news of the death of Mr. J. A. Hartley was received with general regret. The deceased gentleman had numerous friends.

A WREATH FROM VICTORIA.

Melbourne, September 13.

The Minister of Education has telegraphed to Adelaide giving instructions that on behalf of the Victorian Education Department a wreath should be placed on the coffin of M. Hartley, the late Inspector-General of School.

REGRET IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, September 13.

Much regret is expressed in education circles hereat the lamentable death of Mr. J. Hartley.

MR. HARTLEY’S FUNERAL.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—May I suggest that the children of state schools in and around the city should be allowed to take some part in the funeral of their departed friend Mr. Hartley? It would be a fitting and touching tribute to the men of one whose best powers have been devoted to the children’s service. The debt they owe to him can only be fully recognised when old enough to appreciate his great work, and it will be pleasant in those after years when they can remember the part they took in the funeral.

I am, Sir, &c.,

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