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PERSONAL.

His Honor the Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way, Bart.) left Adelaide by the Melbourne express on Thursday. He is going to Sydney for an operation upon his left arm, which has been troubling him recently. The operation is to be performed by Sir Alexander MacCormick, M.D., M.R.C.S., senior surgeon of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. His Honor was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Allan Campbell, Mrs. F. J. E. Harvey (niece), and Mr. G. T. Ligertwood (associate). Among those on the platform were their Honors Mr. Justice Gordon, Mr. Justice Murray, and Mr. Justice Buchanan, Mr. Commissioner Russell, S.M., Sir John and Lady Forrest, Sir John Downer, Sir Langdon and Lady Bonython, Dr. W. Barlow (Vice-Chancellor of the University), Mr. A. A. Simpson (Mayor of Adelaide), the Rev. John Thorne, the Rev. Henry Howard, the Rev. W. H. Cann, the Rev. G. H. Jose, the Rev. W. F. James, Mr. E. B. Grundy, K.C., Dr. Richards, the Hon. John Lewis, M.L.C., Mr. H. Angus Parsons, M.P., Professor Stirling, Colonel S. E. Beach, Mr. C. R. J. Glover (secretary of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons), Mr. F. E. Cornish (Deputy Grandmaster), Mr. C. R. Hodge (registrar of the University), Mr. C. E. Owen Smythe (Superintendent of Public Buildings), Mr. M. M. Maughan (Director of Education), Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. J. Harry, Mr. James Gartrell, Mr. A. M. Simpson, Mr. L. W. Yemm, Mr. G. C. Campbell, Mr. Fred Downer, Mr. A. G. Blue, and Mr. W. B. Blue.

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CONCERNING PEOPLE.

The Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) left by the Melbourne express on Thursday for Sydney. His object is to consult a specialist (Dr. Alexander MacCormick) in reference to an operation upon his left arm. There were a large number of people on the platform to witness Sir Samuel's departure, and a departmental car was placed at his disposal. Among those present were many members of the family, close personal friends, and representatives of the many institutions with which His Honor is associated. These included Mr. Justice Gordon, Mr. Justice Murray, Mr. Justice Buchanan, and Commissioner Russell, representing the judiciary; Sir John Downer, K.C., Dr. Richards, and Mr. Angus Parsons, M.P., the Bar; Messrs. E. B. Grundy, K.C. (Pro Grand Master), F. E. Cornish (Deputy Grand Master), and Ald. Glover (Grand Secretary), the Masonic fraternity; and Dr. Barlow, C.M.G. (Vice-Chancellor), and Professor Stirling, C.M.G., the University. Others present were the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. A. A. Simpson), the Federal Treasurer (Sir John Forrest), Sir Langdon Bonython, the Rev. Henry Howard, Col. S. E. Beach, Dr. J. C. Verco, the Hon. John Lewis, M.L.C., and Messrs. A. M. Simpson, and C. E. Owen Smythe, I.S.O. Prior to the departure of the train Sir Samuel shook hands with all his relatives and friends, and expressed a few cheerful words to each. He was accompanied on his journey by his associate (Mr. G. C. Ligertwood).

"THE ETERNAL HILLS."

The term "the eternal hills" is only a poetic figure of speech according to Mr. Walter Howchin, who lectured at the university on Tuesday night. The hills, as a matter of fact, rose simply to be wiped out. It was the mission of the rivers to destroy, grain by grain, hill by hill, until at last where the ancient mountain range stood there was now nothing but a vast plain. And when that stage was reached the river, too, had finished its course and ceased to be. All the great mountain ranges in the world at the present time—the Himalayas, the Appenines, the Alps, the Pyrenees—were of comparatively recent formation, and would at last be wiped out. Rivers were the spokesmen of Nature in the work of change that was ever going on.

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—Threatened Rebellion in Melbourne.—

Keen interest has been aroused in Melbourne by the candidature of Mr. W. A. Laver, present acting director of the Conservatorium of Music, and Mr. G. W. L. Marshall-Hall for the Chair of Music, rendered vacant by the death of Professor Peterson. Both candidates have many and influential supporters, and forces musical, social, and even political are being drawn into the arena. The appointment rests with the University Council, at the last meeting of which a committee, consisting of Mr. E. H. Sugden, Mr. Sachse, M.L.C., Professor Masson, Mr. J. W. Monasch, Dr. Leper, Dr. J. W. Barrett, Dr. G. A. Syme, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Dr. J. H. Macfarland), was appointed "to consider the vacancy in the Ormond Professorship of Music." The committee will report to the council at a meeting to be held on Monday next. It is considered probable that the University Council will not immediately proceed to make an appointment, several members having already expressed themselves in favour of advertising the vacancy throughout the world, and delaying action until applications from outside Australia can be received. A remarkable aspect of the situation is the decided stand taken in favour of Mr. W. A. Laver by the students and staff of the Conservatorium itself. Present and past students have joined in the presentation of a memorial to the University Council, asking that Mr. Laver should be appointed, and it is authoritatively stated that at least five members of the Conservatorium staff have threatened to resign their positions if the other candidate is successful.

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SIR SAMUEL WAY.

Loss of an Arm.

The whole community in South Australia, and thousands of people throughout the rest of the Commonwealth, will sympathize deeply with the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) in the latest trouble that has befallen him. Only a few weeks ago, although Sir Samuel had been suffering from a painful malady for some months—during which time he had been nursed by his wife—so recently as the reception of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Galway in the Adelaide Town Hall in the latter part of April last, both seemed to be healthy and vigorous. On May 14, however, Lady Way was suddenly stricken down by death, and now Sir Samuel has been called upon to undergo another shocking trial.

The seriousness of the malady with which His Honor was afflicted was not realized until within the last few days. Shortly before the death of Lady Way he complained of a hardness in the upper part of the left arm; but it was not then expected that it would develop into the malignant form of disease which it later assumed. Last week, however, on account of the increase of pain, it was deemed advisable to seek the best available advice and skill in the Commonwealth. Sir Samuel's medical attendants in Adelaide gave little hope of saving the limb, but as a last chance suggested that he should consult the eminent Sydney surgeon, Sir Alexander MacCormick. With that object the Chief Justice left Adelaide by the express on Thursday, after having delivered on the same morning an extempore judgment of considerable length in the Supreme Court. His mission to the capital of the mother State resulted in the confirmation of the verdict of the Adelaide practitioners, and Sir Samuel decided on an endeavour to prolong his life by the forfeiture of the arm. The operation was performed at The Terraces Hospital, Sydney, at 7.30 on Monday morning. The arm was amputated at the shoulder joint by Sir Alexander MacCormick and Dr. E. J. Jenkins. The patient has a fine constitution, for he suffered less from the shock than is usually the case in one of his age—he entered his seventy-ninth year in April—and a report at 10 o'clock last night stated that he was doing very well.

—A Midnight Bulletin.—

The hope given in the message just referred to was not strengthened, however, by the later news, for at midnight a telegram from our Sydney correspondent gave the information that Sir Samuel's condition was not then so satisfactory. The most critical time in connection with such cases is the 24 hours following the operation. It is confidently expected that if this period can be passed over with anything like satisfaction the patient's amendment will be assured.

—Anxiety of the Judiciary.—

Much anxiety was manifested by the Judges of the Supreme Court Bench and members of the Bar in regard to the news from Sydney. Sir John Gordon was early able to announce the result to enquirers. He said the surgeons had accomplished their task with success, and that the ultimate result greatly depended on the will-power displayed by the patient. "And no man has that to a greater extent than our revered Chief Justice," he added.

—Sympathy of the Legal Profession.—

The following correspondence has passed between His Honor the Chief Justice and representatives of the South Australian legal profession:—

Most Honoured and Dear Chief Justice—
At the request of the whole of the legal profession of South Australia, as well as on our own initiative, we wish to express to you our admiration of the pride and manliness which has made you continue your judicial and numerous public duties when your failing health made rest imperative. You are now, we understand, leaving us for a brief time to seek medical aid and health in another State, and we only write to assure you that you will take with you our love, respect, and esteem, and our fervent hope that under God's providence you will shortly return well and strong, and once more give the State the benefit of your eminent powers and experience.—We are, dear Chief Justice, yours most respectfully and affectionately, H. Homburg (Attorney-General), John W. Downer, Paris Nesbit, Eustace B. Grundy, C. J. Dashwood, A. W. Piper, E. Erskine Cleland.

Dear Mr. Attorney—I am much touched and comforted by the letter signed by you and all of His Majesty's counsel now in South Australia on behalf of the whole of the legal profession here, conveying to me their generous expressions of confidence and affection. On the advice of the medical men under whose care I have been, I am proceeding to Sydney to ascertain if anything can be done to relieve what I am suffering from. I shall be grateful indeed if the course adopted there proves successful and enables me once more to resume my judicial work. Should this not be the case, I know that my good friends of the profession will not cease to remember me kindly and indulgently. The support I have received from them has, for many years, made my tenure of judicial office the great happiness of my life.—Believe me, my dear Mr. Attorney, yours faithfully, S. J. Way.

—References in Unley City Council.—

Sympathetic references to Sir Samuel Way's condition were made at the meeting of the Unley City Council on Monday night. At the instance of Cr. Langham, seconded by Cr. Hicks, it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the Chief Secretary (Hon. J. G. Bice), who is with the Chief Justice at Sydney.