

she has ever maintained a keen interest in the town and its people. When she paid an occasional visit here she has invariably made it a rule to set aside some portion of her time in renewing the acquaintance of many of her contemporaries. Very sincere sympathy is felt for the Chief Justice.

—Parkin Trust.—

At a meeting of the Governors of the Parkin Trust, Incorporated, on Friday afternoon, a resolution was adopted expressive of sympathy with Sir Samuel Way in the loss he has sustained by the sudden death of Lady Way. Appreciative reference was made to the deceased's benevolent and philanthropic work.

—An Anglican Reference.—

At the annual meeting of the Adelaide Diocesan Missionary Association on Friday evening the Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev. Dr. Thomas) said since they last met, Lady Way, who had been a member of the association and of the committee since its foundation, had passed away. He was sure he was voicing the feeling of the meeting when he said that their deepest sympathy went forth to the Chief Justice.

PEOPLE IN THE FOREFRONT.

Concerning Australians.

[By F. J.]

MONTEFIORE IN MOURNING.

Montefiore is in mourning. And the whole community mourns the passing of the gracious lady who, for 16 years, shared the joys and sorrows of the Right Honourable Sir Samuel Way, Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice, at hospitable Montefiore. Death came with startling suddenness, and the event has thrown a sadness all around. The loss to the city and State is very great, for Lady Way manifested a practical abiding interest in so many public, philanthropic, and other institutions, and in reforms and movements for the welfare of women; was so sympathetic, so indefatigable in counsel, so sagacious in leaders... so kindly and unostentatious in all she did. Her life was so crowded with good deeds that her monument will rest in the hearts of the people. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the lonely Baronet of Montefiore, suddenly bereft of his beloved partner. They were a truly devoted couple. May some consolation be derived from the remembrance of the poet's beautiful lines:—

To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die.

AN ADELAIDE PROFESSOR.

Professor Kerr Grant, M.Sc., who is local Secretary for the forthcoming British Association meetings in this State, has matters well advanced for what it is hoped will prove the most important scientific gatherings ever held in Adelaide. I wonder whether our people know what a remarkable man the University of Adelaide possesses in the present Professor of Physics, the chair which Professor Kerr Grant ably fills, and which was formally occupied successively by Professors Horace Lamb and W. H. Bragg, both very distinguished men, who have attained the fellowship of the Royal Society, the blue ribbon of the scientific world. I knew the Professor had a brilliant academic career in Melbourne before he came to Adelaide in 1909, but I was not aware until I wrote to Melbourne recently, and got details, that it had been so phenomenal. Professor Kerr Grant is so strikingly modest that one can never get him to talk concerning his achievements in scholarship and science. And they are really wonderful.

—From State School.—

In December, 1891, a mere lad, he began his scholastic successes by winning a Government scholarship from the State school at Maffra. He gained third place on the list of successful candidates, 200 in number. Only 60 scholarships are given by the Victorian Education Department at present, but in the days of young Grant, Professor Pearson was Minister of Education, and he inaugurated a liberal system of scholarships throughout Victoria. The State school scholarship enabled the youth to proceed to a secondary school, or college. He chose as his future alma mater the South Melbourne College, where he continued in residence for five years. The principal of this institution, Mr. J. B. O'Hara, M.A., the Australian poet, may well be proud of his brilliant pupil. So pronounced was young Grant's intellect that Mr. O'Hara prepared him for the matriculation examination at the end of 1892. Scholarship holders always take two years to matriculate; but Kerr Grant succeeded at his first attempt, and at the close of his first year. This in itself was a phenomenal performance, and gave indication of the possession of that ability which ultimately secured for him the highest academic distinction in Australia. The scholarship won by Grant entitled him to compete at the end of three years for one of 12 exhibitions open for competition to successful scholarship holders. These exhibitions are of the annual value of £160. Kerr Grant gained first place on the list for his year at the close of 1904. His next two years were spent at South Melbourne College, preparing for his University future. At the close of 1905 he won the matriculation exhibition, with first-class honours in physics and chemistry, and at the end of 1906 obtained with first-class honours the exhibition in mathematics. In addition he captured an entrance scholarship at Ormond College (affiliated to the University). This scholarship, a resident one, was of the annual value of £50. His matriculation exhibitions were each worth £20, so that Grant began his university career with exhibitions and scholarships worth in one year £130.

—Won Everything.—

Brilliant as was his college career, it was eclipsed by his splendid achievements in his first year at Melbourne University. He accomplished an unprecedented feat by winning four exhibitions, namely:—Pure mathematics, mixed mathematics, natural philosophy, and chemistry. Grant gained in addition a triple first in mixed mathematics, chemistry, and pure mathematics. In his second year he more than maintained his reputation by securing first-class honours in the mathematical group of his year, and won the mathematical exhibition. He also gained the Professor Wilson prize for mathematics and natural philosophy, and carried off the exhibition for second-year engineering. The following year the final honours examination was held, and Kerr Grant concluded a conspicuously brilliant course by winning the final scholarship in mathematics with first-class honours. Altogether his university scholarships and prizes amounted in money value to nearly £1,000. He won every scholarship and exhibition for which he competed, and with but two exceptions all with first-class honours. With such a record of achievement it was no wonder his services were as soon as possible secured for the Melbourne University teaching staff. In the realm of science Professor Kerr Grant has already won distinction as related in this column in The Register of January 31 last.

THE LATE LADY WAY.

A LARGE FUNERAL.

There were shadow and sorrow in Christ Church as the mortal remains of Lady Way were borne into it by reverent hands on Saturday morning. Over the altar and the flower-covered bier that was placed before it lamps threw down a soft radiance. Very typical were such conditions of the emotions of the hundreds of mourners who had gathered to pay their last tributes of respect to the memory of one of the most estimable of women. There was gloom in their hearts that she should have been so suddenly taken from their midst, but over all grief remained the illuminating knowledge that she had not lived in vain. Mingled with such feelings was deep sympathy for His Honor the Chief Justice, who is suffering an irreparable loss. The presence of so many of his and his late wife's friends was no mere outward token of regard. It was a spontaneous recognition of what he and they and the community had lost.

—At Montefiore.—

It was not in any way intended that the obsequies of Lady Way should be of a public nature, but the desire of hundreds of citizens to be present at the funeral practically took the matter out of the hands of the immediate relatives. The funeral was timed to start from the residence of the Chief Justice at a quarter past 10 o'clock. Long before that time people had commenced to gather outside the gates of Montefiore, and wreaths and flowers flowed in from all quarters. A short preliminary service was held in the drawing room, wherein the coffin lay smothered in masses of beautiful flowers. The husband, the family, near relatives, and one or two intimate friends were present. The Rev. Dr. Bevan conducted a short service. From Montefiore the mortal remains of Lady Way were then removed to Christ Church, at which she had been an attendant. The church is almost next door to the house of the Chief Justice. Outside it more sorrowing people had collected—very many more than could possibly gain admission to the edifice. The bell tolled. It was almost the only sound, for the mourners stood in sorrowful silence, the men with doffed hats and some of the women and children in tears.

—At Christ Church.—

Inside the church were His Excellency the Governor, Lady Galway, the Hon. G. J. Mulholland (Private Secretary), Capt. Hopwood, A.D.C., the Judges of the Supreme Court, and many other leading citizens, who subsequently joined in the cortege to the cemetery. The principal mourners were the Chief Justice, who had on his arm Miss Gordon (sister of Lady Way), Mrs. Herbert Rymill (daughter of the deceased), Messrs. S. Blue, A. G. Blue, and W. G. Blue (sons), Mr. D. Gordon (brother), Mr. Herbert Rymill (son-in-law), Mrs. Allan Campbell (sister-in-law), Mrs. S. Weston, Mrs. F. Beach, Col. S. E. Beach, and Messrs. Colin Campbell, Neil Campbell, Gordon C. Campbell, F. H. Weston, and J. F. Downer (relatives), and the members of the household staff. The rector of Christ Church (Rev. G. H. Jose) conducted the service. After the recital of the prayers for the dead the clergyman asked the choir and the congregation to sing hymn 28, which had been a favourite of Lady Way. The words were sung with more than ordinary feeling:—

Sweet Saviour, bless us ere we go;
Thy Word into our minds instil,

The day is done, its hours have run,
And Thou hast taken count of all,
The scanty triumphs grace hath won,
The broken vow, the frequent fall,
Through life's long day and death's dark night
O gentle Jesus, be our Light.

Mr. E. W. Packer at the organ struck up Chopin's "Funeral march," and the bier, preceded by the Rev. G. H. Jose, Archdeacon Bussell, and the Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev. Dr. Thomas), was conveyed outside to resume the last stage of its journey.