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smoothed. She shared the Chief Justice's hospitable instincts, and Montefiore was always open for the entertainment of visitors to the State, and its grounds have more than once been placed at the disposal of bazaar and fete committees. It was characteristic of her that she entered practically and wholeheartedly into any scheme for the benefit of the associations in which she was interested, and on the occasion of the first street collection for the Adelaide Children's Hospital

she took a stand herself and succeeded in collecting the largest sum for the day. She indeed "went about doing good"—cheering with words and sympathy and her kindly smile, and helping practically, too. Public life, in the ordinary sense, had for her no appeal, but the things that were there to be done she did—selfless and generous alike in thought and action. "I have done so little," she said once to an interviewer, and so in a sense she had—there was no list of personal achievements or gratified ambitions, but there was an unbroken record of ministering to others, of bringing affection and sunshine to saddened lives—of that true womanliness which is so rarely found and which is an expression of all that is best and most helpful in all womanhood. She has left three sons—Messrs. Sinclair, A. G., and W. B. Blue—and one daughter—Mrs. Herbert Rymill.

—Postponements.—

In consequence of Lady Way's death the Bishop of Adelaide (Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas) has postponed the garden party he was to have given at Bishop's Court on Saturday afternoon. The soiree in connection with the Alliance Francaise, arranged for this evening, has also been postponed.

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## SUDDEN DEATH OF LADY WAY

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### A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

#### BUSY AND USEFUL CAREER.

Though not Australian-born, Lady Way was in every other sense a native of this country. Born in Stirling, Scotland, she was merely an infant when she came to these shores. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gordon, but a few years after her arrival she went to live with her uncle, Mr. Donald Gollan, at Strathalbyn, by whom she was adopted. It was with that picturesque town that her early days and a great portion of her later life were most intimately connected, for it was there that she passed from childhood to girlhood and from girlhood to womanhood, and it was there, too, that she was first married. Her husband was the late Dr. Blue, one of the most distinguished residents of the town. For many years Dr. Blue was Mayor of Strathalbyn, and he and his wife were largely responsible for the progress of the district. As might have been expected, they had much to do with the social life of the place, and old residents still tell many interesting stories of those pleasant days. Dr. Blue and his wife were the heart and soul of anything they were connected with, and were always ready to promote any movement having for its object the progress of the district.

After living in these pleasant surroundings for many years Dr. and Mrs. Blue removed to Largs Bay, much to the regret of practically the whole of the residents of the district, to whom they had greatly endeared themselves. Their stay at the seaside was comparatively brief, and they then removed to Mahldorf, where, as the result of a lengthy illness, her husband died.

#### Her Philanthropy.

Though throughout her whole life she was noted for her kindly spirit, her ready assistance to those who needed it, and her efforts on behalf of the weak and helpless, it was not until after she married Sir Samuel Way, in 1838, that she became generally known as a leader among the large body of philanthropists who have done so much for the sick and the poor of this State. In her position as the wife of the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice she found herself faced by great responsibilities. There are few, if any, positions so exacting as that of wife of a prominent public official, and the higher the standing the greater the burden of responsibility. Lady Way's task, therefore, as the partner of the most prominent official in the State, after the Governor, was no sinecure, and she soon found herself called upon to pay the penalty of her position. Her social engagements would in ordinary circumstances have been sufficient to keep her continuously busy, but in addition to these she found herself pressed on all sides to take office in a host of public and semi-public institutions, and with that characteristic zeal for which she was noted she not only accepted the extra burden which each of these new and continuously increasing engagements placed upon her, but, having promised her support, she saw to it that not one of these bodies was neglected.

#### A Busy Life.

There was no empty meaning in any office accepted by Lady Way. Having taken a position, she threw the whole weight of her influence into the scales on its behalf, expending time, money, and energy in ensuring success. One has only to glance at the long list of public bodies with which Lady Way was connected to realise what great demands they made upon her time. One of the institutions in which she took a particular interest was the State Children's Council, and her labors in this direction will long stand as a monument to her kindly disposition and her anxiety to help those who for various reasons were unable to help themselves. As vice-president of the Children's Hospital she was indefatigable in its interests, and to her useful advice was due much of the success which has attended its working. Her high social position enabled her to enlist on its behalf the help and support of a large body of influential workers, who have made the success of the hospital a subject of special care. It was to a large extent due to her untiring energy that such conspicuous success attended the street collections on behalf of the institution. As president of the Mothers' Union she discharged a great amount of useful work. Another body with whose interests Lady Way was closely identified was the Queen's Home. She was the leader of the ladies' committee of this valuable maternity hospital. The Young Women's Christian Association, District Trained Nursing Society, Lady Victoria Buxton Girls' Club, Home for Incurables, Girls' Friendly Society, Ministering Children's League, Queen Adelaide Club, Travellers' Aid Society, and the Alliance Francaise, were a few of the many other bodies which will sincerely mourn a true friend and a valuable benefactress.

#### Her Social Life.

It seems extraordinary that, despite all these calls on her time, Lady Way was able brilliantly to discharge her duties as society hostess. As wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, she was called on to do a great amount of entertaining, and her success in this direction was proverbial. Favored by a charming personality, rare tact, and admirable discernment, she made a host of friends among all classes of the community, and her demise will be generally regretted. Lady Way left three sons—Messrs. Sinclair, A. G., and W. B. Blue, and one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Rymill.

#### The Funeral.

The funeral will leave Montefiore on Saturday morning at 10.15, and a service will be held at Christ Church at 10.30. Subsequently the cortege will proceed to the West-terrace Cemetery, where the burial will take place.

## PUBLIC APPRECIATION.

### TRIBUTES TO A LIFE OF USEFULNESS.

When the news of the death of Lady Way became known to those among whom she lived and worked expressions of the deepest regret were heard on all sides, and many sincere tributes were paid to her memory and her life's work.

#### Sir Richard Butler's Appreciation.

The Acting-Premier (Sir Richard Butler), when informed of the unexpected event, remarked:—"It will come as a great shock to the people of South Australia to hear of the very sad loss the Chief Justice has sustained. Everyone who knew Lady Way realised how deep an interest she took in all public matters, and especially those with which her husband was closely associated. We remember with pride and gratitude the excellent manner in which she assisted Sir Samuel on the many occasions when he has acted as Lieutenant-Governor. It was only the other day that Lady Way was conversing with me at Government House about her life at Strathalbyn and of the love she had for South Australia. On the boards of various charitable institutions, and in every direction in which she could render assistance to philanthropic movements, Lady Way was always more than willing to give of her best services. I can say, on behalf of every member of the Government, that we deeply sympathise with the Chief Justice in his great affliction."

#### Beautiful Tribute from the Archbishop.

His Grace the Archbishop (Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly), when the news was communicated to him, said:—"I met Lady Way only a few times in my life. She was the kindest, gentlest, and most ladylike of women. I deeply regret her death. My deepest sympathy goes out to my fond friend, the Chief Justice; I am grieved over his loss beyond measure. May God comfort him in his great trial, as He alone can assuage grief. What a sad world we live in."

#### Blind Fair Closed.

The president of the Royal Institution for the Blind (Sir Charles Goode) was attending a meeting of the Adelaide Orpheus Society when the news reached him. He immediately proceeded to the Exhibition Building, where the fair in aid of the Blind School was in progress, and announced from the platform that the fair would be closed for that evening out of respect to the memory of Lady Way, who had been an enthusiastic helper of the institution, and had occupied the position of president of the North Adelaide ladies' committee. The audience listened to the news with deep regret, and within a few minutes they silently and sadly left the building. Sir Charles Goode stated subsequently that he hardly knew how adequately to express the sense of loss he felt at the news of Lady Way's

sudden death. "She has been a great helper and willing worker," he remarked. "In the cause of the poor and the suffering, and most regular in her attendance at the meetings of the board of management of the Children's Hospital and the many other noble institutions with which she was connected. Lady Way was present at the opening of the Blind Fair, and we felt that we could not keep the stalls open any longer this evening when the sad news reached us. The loss which Sir Samuel Way has sustained is irreparable. Those assembled at the Blind Fair this evening carried a motion expressing their deep sympathy with Sir Samuel in his sudden and great bereavement. I must now hasten to Montefiore Hill to convey their message to him. Lady Way was deeply interested in the welfare of the Young Women's Christian Association and the Y.M.C.A., and was a member of the State Children's Council and other philanthropic bodies."