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THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

REFERENCE TO DEATH OF LATE CHANCELLOR.

At the meeting of the University council held yesterday the Vice-Chancellor (His Honor Chief Justice Murray) referred with deep feeling to the death of the Chancellor (the Right Hon. Sir S. J. Way). The Vice-Chancellor said:—

Gentlemen—It is my painful duty to call the attention of the council to the death of our illustrious Chancellor (the Right Hon. Sir Samuel James Way). The event has not taken us by surprise, for we have been sadly conscious for some time of Sir Samuel's waning strength. Rather would I say that we have marvelled at the fortitude and vitality that enabled him to postpone for so long the hour of his surrender.

Sir Samuel was a member of the committee which promoted the foundation of the University. He afterwards became a member of the council, was elected Vice-Chancellor in the year the institution was inaugurated, and seven years later was appointed Chancellor. That high office he filled continuously for the remainder of his life.

I shall not attempt any detailed account of his service. The task is impossible. Some of us now present have been honored with a seat in his council for many years, and have seen the planning and working of the machinery by which the University of Adelaide has advanced in influence and prestige, until it has won an established and respected place among the universities of the world. The membership of some of us is of more recent date. We have not always seen eye to eye with the Chancellor, but all of us will bear testimony to the greatness of the man and the greatness of his part in the work which has been accomplished. Were it not that he gave the same unstinted and devoted service to other offices—the highest attainable by a citizen of the State—and to other institutions we should be tempted to say that his supreme purpose in life was to promote the interests of the University. His aims were high, his efforts were unrelaxing. He strove for expansion and efficiency by every honorable and high-minded means. He had no personal end to gain, his one object was the advancement of learning and the extension of education.

In this council he has left a vacant place, but as yet his place hardly seems to be vacant. It will be long before we shall be able to divest ourselves of the expectation that he will enter this room and engage in our deliberations. And even when we at last realize that he will come no more the thought of what he would have done will not be absent from our minds.

The professorial and teaching staff and the executive officers of the University will mourn Sir Samuel Way's death no less than the council and senate. No one was ever more loyal to those who were working under him, no one was ever more sympathetic when they sought his advice, no one fought their battles more gallantly or strenuously if he deemed them worthy of his support.

I could speak of our late Chancellor as a colleague on the Supreme Court bench and as a personal friend, but I will content myself with only one observation. He was a great lawyer and a great judge, and one of the kindest and truest of friends. If I were asked to describe from my intimate knowledge of him the quality which struck me most I should say that he was ever and always a faithful and earnest servant of the public.

His career is ended. We shall not see him here again; but he has left to us a noble and inspiring example, the influence of which will long endure.

I move that this council place on record its deep sense of the loss the University has sustained by the death of the Right Honorable Sir Samuel James Way, Baronet, P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., its heartfelt appreciation of the services he rendered to the institution as a member of the council, as Vice-Chancellor and as Chancellor, and its profound admiration of his life and character.

The resolution was carried, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the relatives of the late Sir S. J. Way.

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LATE CHIEF JUSTICE

WILL LODGED FOR PROBATE

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT

CHARITIES RECEIVE OVER £3000.

A document of more than ordinary interest was filed at the Probate Office yesterday, when the will of the late Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) was lodged. It is probably the most complete will that has been filed for many years. Unhampered by technical legal phraseology the will is capable of interpretation by persons who have no knowledge of the law. Sir Samuel drew up the document just prior to leaving for Sydney in 1914 to have his left arm amputated. The estate is sworn not to exceed £55,000, and the executors are his Honor the Chief Justice (Hon. G. J. R. Murray), Mr. Justice Buchanan, and Mr. E. B. Grundy, K.C. To his great friend, Dr. C. R. Parkin the late Chief Justice left the sum of £250 "as a very inadequate expression of my admiration and regard." Other personal bequests include Mr. G. C. Ligertwood (late associate), £100; Miss Mary Goyder, daughter of the late Surveyor-General, £50, and Dr. F. W. Richards, Crown Solicitor, £100. Each of the maidservants employed by the late Chief Justice will receive £20, the gardener £20, and the assistant gardener £10. In addition the sum of £50 has been left to Mr. John Hill, late manager of John Hill and Co. To each of the trustees £500 is bequeathed, the amount not to be in lieu of any commission or remuneration to which they might become entitled. The trustees were also left £250 to be expended in erecting a suitable monument over the deceased's vault in the West Terrace Cemetery. The Rev. J. Howard has been left £250, and the Rev. W. F. James £100, while an annuity of £200 a year for life has been allotted to Katherine Thorne, whom the Chief Justice referred to as his dear friend.

Bequests to Charitable and Public Institutions.

The amounts left to charitable and other institutions are as follow:—

University of Adelaide—£2000.

Adelaide Children's Hospital—£1000. To be added to the endowment fund.

Grand Lodge Trustees of the Freemasons—£1000. To be applied for the purposes of a new Masonic temple building fund.

Rev. W. H. Cann—£1000. For the funds of the Franklin street branch of the Central Methodist Mission.

South Australian branch of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Australasia—£500.

President of the Methodists Conference—£500. To be applied for the purposes of the Home and Bush Mission Funds in equal proportions.

The Bishop of Adelaide (Dr. A. N. Thomas)—£500. To be applied for the benefit of the fund to create an endowment for a second bishopric of the Anglican Church on the subdivision of the diocese of Adelaide. This gift is in substitution for such part of the amount the deceased already promised to contribute as remained unpaid at the date of his death.

The Archbishop of Adelaide—£250. To be applied by his Grace for the benefit of such Roman Catholic charities as he might think proper and most worthy of assistance, commending to his Grace's favor the Sisters of St. Joseph, and £10 for that bequest to be given towards the memorial chapel to Sister McKillop, of Sydney.

Salvation Army—£250. To be applied for the social work of the army.

South Australian Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society—£250.

London United Mission—£250.

London Missionary Society—£250.

South Australian Church Missionary Association—£250.

Historical Library.

The books, magazines, manuscripts, papers, and documents relating to the Bible Christian denomination, now united with the Methodist Church, and those relating to the Methodist Church, and his portraits, including that of the Rev. James Thorne and his wife, and the Rev. Wm. O'Brien, he has ordered to be handed to Frederick William Richards, J.L.D., in the hope that the bequest might form part of an historical library in South Australia of the Methodist Church.

Disposal of Library.

Sir Samuel gives the following instructions regarding his library:—(a) To permit the council of the University of Adelaide to select therefrom such books as they might think proper to accept for the purposes of the library of the University; (b) to select from the residue and give to the Board of Governors of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery such of the books as they might think proper to accept for the purposes of the Public Library or the Adelaide Circulating Library or any other free public library in South Australia; (c) to select from the remaining part of the library and to place in the Supreme Court library for the use of the members of the legal profession such books as the trustees might think proper and appropriate; (d) subject to the foregoing rights of selection, to give to his relations and friends, including the trustees or to any institute or free library in the State such books as the trustees in their discretion select; (e) to sell the remainder, if any, and the net proceeds to form part of the residuary trust fund. The Board of Governors of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery are empowered to make a selection of the deceased's pictures, engravings, etchings, drawings, sketches, statuary, Japanese ivories, and all other works of art, bric-a-brac, &c., and plate and plated articles, china, glass, and earthenware for the purpose of exhibition to the public in the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery. The remainder is to go to the deceased's relations and friends or to any institute, institution, or free library in the State as the trustees in their discretion may think fit. Anything left is to form part of the residuary trust fund. Out of the sale of real and residuary estate legacies are made to relatives, and the ultimate remainder of the trust fund, if any, is to be paid to the President of the Methodist Conference, to be applied for the extension of church buildings in the suburbs.

Businesses to be Carried On.

Sir Samuel has expressed a desire that his residence, "Montefiore," shall be carried on for such period as the trustees may determine. The trustees have also been given authority to carry on and manage the deceased's farming business on his property, known as Kadlunga, situated in the hundreds of Stanley and Clare, and his property known as Sea View, in the hundreds of Wilunga and Noarlunga.

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THE LATE SIR SAMUEL WAY.

A UNIVERSITY TRIBUTE.

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The motion was carried. It was resolved that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to the bereaved relatives.

REGRET AT WALLAROO.

Our Wallaroo correspondent writes:—The death of the late Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) was referred to at the last meeting of the Wallaroo Town Council. The Mayor (Mr. T. E. Ashton) said the State had lost its most distinguished citizen. It was not necessary for him to speak of those great qualities of mind and heart which had so endeared Sir Samuel to the people of South Australia. The late Chief Justice was a great man—great in intellect, great in outlook, and great in achievements. Mr. Ashton stated that on receipt of the sad news of the death of Sir Samuel, a telegram expressing the regret of the townspeople of Wallaroo had been dispatched to the Premier, and a letter of thanks had been received in reply. The Mayor's action was endorsed, and other Councillors spoke in terms of eulogy of the late Chief Justice.

FREEMASONS' LODGE OF SORROW.

A Lodge of Sorrow in connection with the death of Sir Samuel Way has been convened by the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia. The ceremony will be held in the Adelaide Town Hall, on Thursday, February 3, at 8 p.m.