

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1916<sup>13.</sup>

## THE KING'S REGRETS

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Galway) has received the following message from the Secretary of State (Mr. Bonar Law):—"The King commands me to convey through you an expression of the deep regret with which he has learnt of the great loss suffered by South Australia in the death of Sir Samuel Way. His Majesty the King is confident that his conspicuous devotion to the duties of his high office and to the interests of Australia will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him and of appreciating his sterling qualities."

## THE MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

### WIDESPREAD REGRET.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Galway) has also received the following telegrams:—

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Bonar Law):—"I have received with great regret the news of the death of Sir Samuel Way, who for nearly 40 years has filled the office of Chief Justice of South Australia with great ability and distinction. His wide interests and genial personality had secured for him the very special esteem and affectionate regard of his fellow-citizens, and I desire to express my sincere sympathy with his relatives and many friends, and with the State which mourns his loss."

From his Excellency the Governor-General (Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson):—"I sincerely sympathise with you and South Australia on the loss of Sir Samuel Way. His long life, devoted throughout with conspicuous success to the public service, leaves us a great example which will long survive the day of mourning."

From the Governor of Western Australia (Sir Harry Barron):—"I deeply regret the death of Sir Samuel Way. He was a grand man and a staunch friend."

The following messages of condolence have been received at Montefiore:—

From his Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Galway):—"It is with the most profound regret that I have heard of the death of the Chief Justice, South Australia's most distinguished son. May I express to you my heartfelt sympathy in the great loss which you have sustained. South Australia particularly, and the world generally, will be the poorer by his death. To me and to many of my predecessors in office he was ever a genial friend and trusty adviser. I feel his death very keenly, and his place will be more than difficult to fill. Sir Samuel died full of years and honors, and has left behind him a brilliant record of public service and usefulness which will always remain as the epitaph he would have chosen. He died in harness, and set a splendid example to us all of devotion to duty and clean living. The number of his friends who mourn their loss to-day is legion."

From Lady Galway:—"I send you my most heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences. The life of the Chief Justice has been an example to generations of young men, and in these terrible times they have proved themselves worthy of his leadership. I feel sure that he would have chosen to go to his rest as he did, exercising to the last a noble and manly influence."

From the Premier (Hon. Crawford Vaughan):—"Kindly convey my deepest sympathy to the relatives."

From the Attorney-General (Hon. J. H. Vaughan):—"Sincerest sympathy in your sad bereavement."

From the Archbishop of Adelaide (Most Rev. Dr. Spence):—"My deepest personal sympathy and condolences from the whole Catholic community of South Australia."

From the Rev. Dr. Bevan:—"Great sorrow and affectionate condolence."

From the president of the Baptist Union of South Australia (the Rev. D. G. Ströbling):—"Kindly convey to the relatives of the late Sir Samuel Way my deepest sympathy—a good man gone to rest."

From the South Australian board of directors of the Australian Natives' Association:—"Members of the association desire to convey their sympathy in the great loss sustained in the death of Sir Samuel Way. The good and noble work Sir Samuel has done in so many ways on behalf of the people of our State during his long life will ever keep his memory revered."

From the League of the Empire, South Australian branch:—"We express our deep sorrow at the death of our late president; his interest in the work of the league was unflinching, and his counsel and help was also found to be invaluable."

From the Public Library Board:—"We convey to the members of the family and relatives of the late Sir Samuel Way the deep sympathy and condolences of the board in the sad loss they have sustained by his death. He was a member of the board for 28 years, its chairman in 1881-2, and its president from 1893 to 1909, and his devotion to the institution contributed so materially to the success and distinction it has achieved."

From the Mayor of Port Augusta (Mr. J. Roberts):—"Sincere sympathy and condolence from the corporation and citizens."

From the Mayor of Moonta (Mr. W. Cowling):—"Citizens of Moonta extend their heartfelt sympathy in the family's sore bereavement and the State's irreparable loss."

From the acting organising secretary for Australia of the London Missionary Society (the Rev. Joseph King), Melbourne:—"The society, gratefully recognising the many services rendered to the cause of foreign missions by the late Sir Samuel Way, sends this tribute of high esteem."

From the Premier of Victoria (Sir Arthur Stanley):—"Accept my sympathy of myself and my colleagues in the loss sustained by the death of Sir Samuel Way."

From Sir John Forrest, of Western Australia:—"Am very sorry; send sympathy."

From Archbishop Riley, of Perth:—"Sincere sympathy from an old friend of the Chief."

Messages were also received from:—Lady Goode, Sir John Gordon, Dr. and Mrs. Connolly, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Irwin, Dr. Inman Way, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beach, Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mr. F. H. Weston, the Hon. Alfred Catt, Mrs. H. C. Cave, Miss Nesbitt, Mrs. Stow, the Nursing Sisters of the North Adelaide Hospital, Miss Bunday, Mrs. Brotherton, Mr. A. F. Lloyd, Miss van Senden, Mr. T. C. A. Magarey, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howchin, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Boothby, Mrs. W. R. Boothby, Mr. A. W. Piper, K.C., Mr. J. G. Ashton, the Chairman of the Harbors Board, Mr. G. W. Anthony, Dr. W. G. Torr, Dr. White (Melbourne), Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Poulton, Miss Eva Sellar, the Rev. W. F. James, Mrs. William Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Hope Harris, Archdeacon and Mrs. Bussell, the Rev. O. Lake and Miss Lake, Sister Beatrice, Mr. W. Herbert Phillipps, the Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Price, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lathlean, the Misses Peacock, Dr. and Mrs. Swift, Mr. T. Piper, the Rev. and Mrs. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Rock, Dr. P. Bollen, Mr. Puddy, Mr. Bennet Langton, Mr. Francis Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wells, Mrs. Davies Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Waite, Mr. Valentine Soul, the Rev. Samuel Knight, Mrs. William Thorne, the Rev. H. W. Horwill, Mr. W. B. Luke, the Rev. H. C. Farley, the Rev. D. G. Stribling, Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray, Mr. H. C. Honey (London), the Hon. J. G. Bice, Mr. W. R. Bayly (headmaster of Prince Alfred College), Mr. G. Wilfred Anthony (Registrar of Deeds).

#### PRIME MINISTER'S TRIBUTE.

The Premier (Hon. C. Vaughan) has received the following telegram from the Prime Minister (Hon. W. M. Hughes):—"The Commonwealth Government deeply deplore the great loss sustained by South Australia through the death of the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Way. Please express to relatives the sympathy of myself and colleagues."

#### BIBLE SOCIETY'S REGRETS.

The following resolution was carried at a meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society on Monday:—"That this committee, at a specially convened meeting held at the Bible House to-day, having heard with deep and profound sorrow of the decease of their highly esteemed president, Sir Samuel J. Way, Bart., P.C., Chief Justice of South Australia, place on record their sincere admiration of his honorable career as Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia, his great ability as an impartial administrator of justice, his splendid character as a citizen, and their warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the religious, educational, and philanthropic institutions of the State, and especially of his warm-hearted zeal and interest in the world-wide work of the British and Foreign Bible Society."

#### MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY'S SYMPATHY.

Sir Harry Allen, of the Melbourne University, wired to the Registrar of the university (Mr. C. R. Hodge) yesterday as follows:—"Offer deepest sympathy Adelaide University in the loss of its great Chancellor."

## SIR SAMUEL AND THE FLAGSTONE INDUSTRY.

The late Sir Samuel Way has been more closely associated with the flagstone industry in this State than most people realise. Five years ago the present Mintaro Slate and Flagstone Company was established. Sixty acres of freehold was purchased from the deceased gentleman, whose Kadlunga estate adjoins the quarry workings.

### TELEGRAMS OF SYMPATHY

The following telegram has been received by Mr. Justice Gordon from the Mayor of Gladstone (Mr. Langdon Parsons):—"Please accept for colleagues and yourself and convey to relatives sincere sympathy from Gladstone on death of our dear Chief Justice."

His Honor Sir John Gordon has received the following telegram from Mr. Justice Bevan, Northern Territory:—"Please accept and convey to brother judges deepest sympathy, regret at the great loss sustained by Australia by the death of the late Chief Justice."

### THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE WAY.

#### ORANGE INSTITUTION'S SYMPATHY.

From J. Gumley (Grand Master, L.O.L., S.A.):—"The news of the death of so esteemed a citizen as Sir Samuel Way caused general regret among the members of the Loyal Orange Institution of South Australia. We admired him throughout his public career as a man who at all times lived up to the excellent principles which had been characteristic of his life, viz., to love mercy, practise charity, and do justice to all mankind—thereby gaining the high opinions of his fellow-citizens. The record service given by him to the State will ever live in the annals of this institution as unique—for his fearless administration of the law, his earnest and sincere sympathy with the sick and suffering, and his ability as a legal luminary of the very highest order; in fact, to have gained the title of being one of the most learned men in the law in Australasia is a title of which those connected with him, as well as the State, may justly be proud. Being a Protestant organisation, we also deplore his loss as a fearless Protestant and a devout Bible student, who at all times exhibited that wonderful fortitude which has characterised his life by doing unto others as he would they should do unto him. As an institution we recognise in his death this State, as we as the Commonwealth, has suffered an irreparable loss, and our

deepest sympathy goes out to his relatives and the various bodies with which he was connected.

#### Mount Gambier's Tribute.

The Mayor of Mount Gambier (Mr. G. B. Renfrey) has sent the following telegram to the Premier (Hon. C. Vaughan):—"For and on behalf of the people of Mount Gambier and district, permit me to express to the State of South Australia our deepest regret on the demise of our esteemed and illustrious Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way)."

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### SIR SAMUEL WAY MEMORIAL.

There is every indication that the fund which has been initiated for the erection of a statue to the late Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) will be speedily successful. The Secretary (Hon. D. J. Gordon, M.L.C.) stated on Wednesday that already there was £1,600 in hand, and it was fully expected that there would be no difficulty in securing the required sum. "There seems to be a feeling," added Mr. Gordon, "that the general public would like to contribute, and no doubt opportunity will be given in that direction. A meeting of the committee will be held next week to discuss further details in connection with the statue, which will be of bronze, and will be executed by Mr. Alfred Drury. It is intended to expedite the movement so far as is possible, and a prominent site will be chosen for the memorial."

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## THE LATE SIR SAMUEL WAY.

The Excellency the Governor has received the following cablegram from the Earl of Kintore:—"Sincere condolences with best Australia on death of Chief Justice."

The following is a copy of a cablegram received from the Grand Lodge of England by the secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia:—"The Grand Lodge of England offers deepest sympathy on irreparable loss of beloved grand master."

The Premier (Hon. C. Vaughan) received the following telegram on Wednesday from Sir John Madden, the Chief Justice of Victoria, who is staying at Frankston:—"Just learned lamented death of Chief Justice, and express to you and people of your State most earnest and sincere sorrow so admirable a public servant and citizen has passed."

At a meeting of the council of the Institute of Architects on Tuesday it was decided to record on the minutes a tribute to the memory of the Chief Justice. Members of the institute value that the community has lost in Sir Samuel Way, not only a great judge and a great citizen, but an art critic and connoisseur whose influence for good has had a marked effect in the domain of architecture, painting, and sculpture.

The president and council of the New South Wales Justices' Association have telegraphed to the local association asking that their sympathy should be conveyed on the occasion of the death of Sir Samuel Way.

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## THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

### Appointment Shortly.

It is not usual to delay the filling of a judicial vacancy. This is particularly so in the case of a Chief Justice, and the Attorney-General (Hon. J. H. Vaughan) has been active since his return from Tasmania on Tuesday in seeking a successor to the late Sir Samuel Way. The absence of Mr. Vaughan has prevented the possibility of the Executive Council dealing with the matter at its meeting to-day, but next week the appointment should be finalized. The salary which is paid to the Chief Justice and the puisne Judges may have a relative interest just now, and there are those who think it will have some bearing in the present position. It was estimated just prior to his death that Sir Samuel Way lost £5,000 a year by his elevation to the Bench, and some of the leading members of the Bar would have to make substantial sacrifices to accept the honour of a judicial seat. This fact renders delicately difficult the appointment of the new Chief Justice, and gives colour, with other circumstances, to a persistent statement that either Sir John Gordon or Mr. Justice Murray will be promoted to the highest judicial seat.

It is interesting, therefore, to give a comparison of the salaries paid to the Chief Justices and puisne Judges in the Commonwealth and New Zealand. New South Wales has a Chief Justice at £3,500 a year, and seven puisne Judges who receive £2,600 each. In Victoria there is a Chief Justice at £3,500, and four puisne Judges, three of whom are paid £2,000, and the other £2,500. The Bench in South Australia is composed of a Chief Justice, two puisne Judges, and a temporary Judge. The salary attaching to the highest office is £2,000, and each of the other justices receives £1,700, with the President of the Industrial Arbitration Court (£1,500) doing temporary judicial work. Similar amounts are given in Western Australia to the occupants of the Bench, but that State has four Judges altogether. Queensland has a Chief Justice (£2,500), and senior puisne and puisne Judges (£2,000 each), and Tasmania has a Chief Justice (£2,500), and two puisne Judges (£1,200). In New Zealand there are a Chief Justice, whose salary is £3,000, and four puisne Judges, to whom £1,800 each is paid.