

Mr. F. L. Parker Appointed Clerk of Assembly.

Following upon the death of Mr. Alfred Searcy, the appointment has been made of Mr. F. L. Parker as Clerk of the Assembly. Although no official appointment has been announced, it is understood that Mr. J. P. Morice (Assistant Clerk of Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council) will assume the duties of Clerk of Parliaments, formerly undertaken by Mr. Searcy. Mr. J. F. Steele, Office Clerk of the Assembly, is now occupying the position of Clerk Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms in the Assembly, vacated by Mr. Parker. After a meeting of the Executive Council on Thursday, it was announced that Mr. Ferdinand Lucas Parker (Clerk As-

such cases at the Adelaide Hospital. For many years he was lecturer in gynaecology at the Adelaide University. Taking an active interest in matters connected with the profession, Dr. Hamilton was a prominent member of the British Medical As-



THE LATE DR. J. A. G. HAMILTON.



MR. F. L. PARKER, who has been appointed Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Dr. J. A. G. Hamilton. sociation, and was at one time its president. He wrote many authoritative papers on gynaecology. Widely known and greatly esteemed by members of the profession, and a large circle of friends, he was a man of magnificent physique. His genial character revealed him as a characteristic Irishman. He was a great sportsman, and a fine judge of horses, his love for them causing him to be associated with the S.A.J.C. as honorary surgeon.

Active in military circles for many years, in the volunteer days, during the Great War Dr. Hamilton bore his share, and went overseas with the Medical Corps, with the rank of major. About five years ago, increasing deafness and declining health caused him to relinquish medical practice, and he retired to his farm in Western Australia. On the death of his wife and son, Robert, he returned to South Australia, and lived at Glenelg, where he indulged his hobby for gardening. For the past two months he had been an inmate of the North Adelaide Private Hospital. One daughter (Miss L. Hamilton), and one son (Reginald, of Perth) survive. There are six grandchildren. Drs. C. W. and R. H. Hamilton are brothers.

The funeral will take place at the North-road Cemetery to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.

sponded cheerfully to urgent calls from the hospital at all hours of the night. Tall in figure and well built in proportion, he was a man of engaging personality. His bright disposition and optimistic outlook brought much comfort to his patients, to whom he endeared himself. He was held in the highest esteem by his colleagues, and the students and nurses followed his lectures and demonstrations with the keenest interest. At intercolonial congresses held in the different States he was always appointed President of his own particular section. When he relinquished the position of senior gynaecologist at the Hospital he was succeeded by Dr. A. F. Lynch, who had been his assistant for a number of years. During the early period of the Great War Dr. Hamilton went to England, and returned to this State as surgeon-major on a hospital ship.

Advocate of Women's Hospital.

One of Dr. Hamilton's most cherished hopes, which he had striven for many years to attain, was the establishment of a woman's hospital as a separate and distinct institution from the Adelaide Hospital. He felt strongly, as the outcome of many years' close observation, that there should be a place where ailments peculiar to women should be specially studied, and which should also be a training ground for students in that particular branch of medicine and surgery.

A True Sportsman.

Dr. Hamilton loved the horse. In fact, he was a true sportsman in every sense of the word. Until motor cars came into vogue, he sat behind many handsome specimens of horseflesh, and was a familiar figure in the city, driving a spanking pair attached to a high dogcart. He also indulged in golf. For 30 years he was a constant exhibitor at the Royal Shows, and frequently took prizes. He will be greatly missed in turf circles, for he was surgeon to the Adelaide Racing Club for a score of years, and also held a similar position with the South Australian Jockey Club. He rarely missed a race meeting on the metropolitan courses. On occasions he contributed to the columns of the press on different subjects.

A Well-earned Rest.

After 44 years' practice in South Australia, Dr. Hamilton retired from the medical profession in November, 1920, and left for Western Australia with the idea of settling on his property at Katanning. After staying there for about two and a half years, however, he returned to this State, where he remained until the end. Mrs. Hamilton predeceased her husband by some years. A daughter, Miss L. Hamilton, and a son, Mr. R. Hamilton, are the surviving members of the family. Dr. C. W. Hamilton, and Dr. R. H. Hamilton, brothers, are both practising in the city. Another brother, Dr. T. K. Hamilton, died a few years ago.

TRIBUTE BY SIR JOSEPH VERCO.

On being invited to pay a tribute of esteem to the deceased gentleman, Sir Joseph Verco said:—The late Alexander Greer Hamilton was a graduate of the Dublin University, where he took his B.A. and M.B. degrees in 1876. He was also a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. He came in the same year to South Australia, and settled in practice at Kapunda, where he was appointed medical officer of the local hospital, and later a justice of the peace. Some years afterwards he removed to Adelaide, where he continued in active practice until quite recently compelled to retire by failing health. He specialized in diseases of women, and worked in conjunction with Dr. E. W. Way, whom he succeeded at the Adelaide Hospital in 1903 at honorary gynaecologist, and at the University as lecturer on the diseases of women, positions which he held until two or three years ago. He took a very lively interest in the British Medical Association. At its meetings he was a very constant attendant, and a frequent speaker, and

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WELL-KNOWN PRACTITIONER.

Death of Dr. J. A. G. Hamilton.

Although suffering a long while from partial deafness and a malady that was regarded as incurable, Dr. J. A. G. Hamilton, with characteristic persistency, continued to move about and interest himself in different affairs almost up to the time of his death, which occurred on Thursday morning at a private hospital in Adelaide.

Born in Ireland in 1855, Dr. Hamilton graduated in arts at Trinity College, Dublin, before he was 21 years of age, and secured his medical degree in 1876. He came from a distinguished Irish family, many members of which secured university degrees. After his arrival in this State in November, 1876, he went to Wallaroo for two years, and was in charge of the local hospital at that busy seaport. He then entered upon practice at Kapunda, where he remained for 13 years. In 1891 he removed to Adelaide and joined the late Dr. E. W. Way in partnership.

Beloved by Colleagues and Patients. It was in the city that the enthusiastic medico was destined to win a name in professional circles. He made a special study of appendicitis and gynaecology, and his skilful operations enabled many lives to be prolonged. For more than 20 years he was in sole charge of the gynaecological department of the Adelaide Hospital, and when the department was divided he was appointed senior gynaecologist, a position which he held until his retirement in 1920. His aptitude being maintained in a standard of efficiency being maintained as a leading authority on obstetrics and diseases of women, and was lecturer in Adelaide for a great many years. Regardless of the heavy volume of work which his private practice necessitated, he re-

read many excellent papers on his own speciality. One of his first papers was read more than 40 years ago. Three and thirty years ago he was chosen as President of the South Australian branch. He was also very interested in the triennial Intercolonial Congress of Australasia, was twice chosen as Vice-President of the section of gynaecology and obstetrics, and in 1905 acted as secretary in this section at the Adelaide congress. A tall man, with a big, burly frame, a military walk, and a rather gruff voice, he had a very pleasant personality and a kindly manner, and was very much liked by those who came under his professional care. He did a large amount of work in his special department of surgery, which without doubt was furthered by his influence as an operator and a teacher.

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"MUSIC."

A Page of Past History.

By K. H. W.

There is nothing more fascinating than old records which link us with a past which is too quickly forgotten. A short time ago there fell into my hands the complete edition in one volume of "Music," a small publication which was ushered into the world in November, 1896, "to supply a deficiency" in the musical life of Adelaide, as, it was stated, only two newspapers ran a musical column (Fortunate Adelaide of 1926.) The first entry concerns itself with the doings of the Kennedy family, which has always stood for music in Adelaide—Daisy Kennedy, Lauri (the 'cellist), and his wife, our own little Dorothy McBride, being at the present time its most foremost representatives. Miss Hack's annual concert comes next, with "a fashionable audience," which apparently overshadowed Brahms, MacKenzie, and Wagner, who were on the programme, and included Lady Victoria Buxton and Master Buxton. A performance by Heinicke's orchestra follows closely, but the critic confesses that he was late, and had to sit on top of a piano, too close to the horns and clarinets! Miss Hack was the vocalist, and sang "The children's home" to Mr. Arthur Otto's accompaniment. The Adelaide Orchestral Society, under Herr Hopf, who was very busy in those days, had 36 instrumentalists, which included some "half dozen young ladies"—a great innovation in those days of superiority of the male sex. German names crowd one another on the concert programmes, for the German colonists worked hard to bring up their children in the musical way they should go.

Inspector Clark had to give a third concert in the Exhibition, as many had been unable to gain admission; and Henri Kowalski, whose march in octaves we used to play so laboriously (for "relaxation" was in its cradle), came over to help Professor Ives in the public examinations in music. Mr. Grigg was conducting the Theatre Royal orchestra, and the public was complaining that there were no free organ recitals in the Town Hall.

One of the most important events musically was the production of a locally written opera, "The Mandarin," at the Theatre Royal, the libretto by Mr. Congreve Evans, and the music by Mr. John Dunn. This was critically reviewed as savoring too much of the anthem and professional for the lighthearted patrons of comic opera. An unhappy performance of the "Messiah" took place on Christmas night on the Adelaide Oval, of which the conductor's skill was criticized, as well as the band of 20 of "our best instrumentalists," who gave a performance which sounded like a first rehearsal, the soloists being overweighted by difficulties, and the audience thoroughly dissatisfied. To further hamper the performance, rain began to fall heavily. The final 10 numbers had to be omitted, and every one went home thoroughly damped down.

In 1898 an article appears on the life and work of Mrs. R. G. Alderman, "the only lady member of the Heinicke orchestra." A military band, under Bandmaster G. Holler, which was referred to as having 20 years of life to its credit, under various bandmasters, seems to have done good work, judging by the many praiseworthy notices of performers. About this time Mrs. Oldham, a favourite Adelaide vocalist, went to settle in the west. In acknowledging the stimulus of her arrival in Perth, a correspondent wrote:—"Music is a long way down the scale here. We cannot boast a grand orchestra such as you have; ours' numbers only seven players, and our bands are largely cornet and bass, and want filling in." Many outdoor band concerts and continentals were given during this period, the choice of solos being remarkable. Complaints were justly made that numbers like "Why do the nations rage?" were too florid to be heard well out of doors. It would be a brave entrepreneur who would dare to present arias from oratorio at the contemporary of to-day. Among local compositions advertised was a popular "Cats' peeks" for violin and piano, with special directions as to how the "mew" could be imitated.

Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms) had been appointed Clerk of the House of Assembly as from October 8. Mr. Parker entered the Civil Service in the Chief Secretary's office in 1901, and for many years dealt with all questions, papers, messages, reports, and so on for Parliament. He gained an extensive knowledge of Parliamentary procedure, and in 1915 he was appointed Chief Clerk of the Chief Secretary's Department. Later he was appointed Office Clerk in the House of Assembly. He succeeded Mr. Searcy as Clerk Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms, on May 1, 1920, when Mr. Searcy was elevated to the position of Clerk of Parliaments. Mr. Parker, who attained the rank of captain, served for several years during the Great War.

Mr. Morice has been Clerk of the Legislative Council since May, 1901.

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DEATH OF DR. J. A. G. HAMILTON.
A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

Dr. James Alexander Greer Hamilton, M.B. (Dublin), L.R.C.S. (Edinburgh), died yesterday afternoon at the North Adelaide Sisters' Private Hospital. He was 72 years of age. Born at Castle Canfield, Ireland, he was the third son of the Rev. Robert Hamilton. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and graduated in 1876. He came to South Australia in 1879, and built up a large practice in Kapunda, where he endeared himself to the people, and was widely known as a successful surgeon connected with the Kapunda Hospital. In later years he came to Adelaide, and was associated in professional practice with Dr. E. W. Way. On the death of that gentleman the practice was continued by Dr. Hamilton. Specialising in the treatment of diseases of women, he was a recognised authority on the subject, and soon after his arrival in Adelaide he was placed in charge of