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manner. Every bulletin was of the most reassuring character, and everybody began to look forward to the return of the popular Chief Justice, to whom the State owes so great a debt.

The reception of Sir Samuel was a striking illustration of the feelings with which he is regarded, considering that it was of an entirely unofficial nature. When the train drew up at the North-terrace station at five minutes to 10 the western end of the platform was crowded, and when Sir Samuel stepped down from the vestibule of the sleeping car he was the centre of a score of friends eagerly waiting to grasp his hand. He had been accompanied from Melbourne by Mrs. Harvey (niece), Mrs. Campbell (sister), and Mr. G. C. Ligertwood (associate), while Mr. Colin Campbell had joined the train at Aldgate. His Honor had a very good journey all the way from Sydney, which city he left on Monday. It was agreed on all sides that he was looking remarkably well.

Welcome Home.

Several relatives and family friends of Sir Samuel were among the first to greet him on his arrival. Among them were Mr. G. C. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rymill, Messrs. A. and W. Blue, Mrs. Leschen, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Downer. The Hon. P. McM. Glynn (Minister of External Affairs) heartily shook his Honor by the hand, congratulated him on his splendid recovery, and welcomed him back to South Australia. Sir Samuel expressed his deep thanks and mentioned that he had received the greatest courtesy and consideration from Federal and State Ministers in both the eastern States. Then the Hon. J. G. Bice (Chief Secretary), and the Hon. H. Homburg (Attorney-General) greeted his Honor, and Sir Samuel told them that he was glad to be back in the State once more. Monsignor Nevin, who was accompanied by Monsignor Byrne, next approached, and having performed the customary salutation, communicated a greeting from the Archbishop, whose health did not permit him to go to the station in person. His Honor remarked that the Archbishop was very well represented, and asked Monsignor Nevin to convey to his Grace an encouraging message. Dr. Barlow (vice-chancellor of the University) next shook hands, and welcomed the chancellor back. Turning round his Honor saw a fine specimen of a hand, and raising his eyes saw that it belonged to Mr. Paris Nesbit, K.C. "I want a ladder for you," said Sir Samuel, amid laughter. A moment afterwards his Honor was confronted by the tall figure of Mr. Justice Murray. "The sons of Anak!" ejaculated Sir Samuel, and another broad smile lit up every face at this neat reference to the almost gigantic proportions of these legal lights.

"Something for You."

No record was taken of the number of handshakes per minute, but the process was rapid and soon over. Sir Samuel had hardly time to take in his surroundings when Mr. C. E. Owen Smyth, I.S.O., the Superintendent of Public Buildings, squeezed forward—there was no other way of getting there—and said to Sir Samuel, "I've got something for you." He produced a miniature Union Jack, which he promptly attached to the lapel of his Honor's coat. "I am not going to the front," laughingly remarked Sir Samuel, and he added, "I'm afraid I shouldn't be much use now." Sir Edwin Smith greeted his Honor warmly. "I hope I shall never have to meet you in similar circumstances," remarked Sir Samuel, "you want to be fully armed, especially in times like these."

More Hand-Shakes.

Everyone had a word of greeting for the Chief and to each his Honor spoke cheerfully. Among others who met him were their Honors Mr. Justice Gordon and Mr. Acting Justice Buchanan, the Speaker of the House of Assembly (the Hon. L. O'Loughlin), and members of Parliament, the Hon. W. S. Wallis, the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr.

A. A. Simpson), and some members of the City Council, Sir John Downer, K.C., Mr. E. B. Grundy, K.C., Mr. C. A. Edmunds (representing the Law Society), Alderman Hemingway and Colonel J. Charles Genders (representing the Justices' Association). Professors Stirling, Darnley Naylor, and Jethro Brown, Mr. C. R. Hodge (Registrar of the University), the Rev. Henry Howard (ex-president of the Methodist Conference), Archdeacon Samwell, the Rev. G. H. Jose (rector of Christ Church), and other ministers of different denominations, Messrs. T. Gill, I.S.O. (Under Treasurer), E. M. Smith (Surveyor-General), and other Government officials; Messrs. J. W. Jones, I.S.O., J. Tassie, J. Gartrell, and many other business people; Mr. W. G. T. Goodman (general manager of the M.T.T.), Colonel Dean, Dr. Richards, and the Sheriff (Mr. Otto Schomburgk). Before the gathering separated Mr. Owen Smyth called for "Three cheers for the Chief Justice." These having been heartily given, Dr. Barlow called for "Three cheers for the Chancellor," and the response was equally spontaneous. Sir Samuel was then conducted by the Hon. G. J. Mullett to the Governor's motor car, which had been sent to the station by his Excellency Sir Henry Galway, to convey Sir Samuel to his home at Montefiore.

STORY OF THE OPERATION.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

(By our Special Reporter.)

"I have been overwhelmed with the great kindness, not only of my co-religionists, and more intimate friends, but of all my fellow-citizens of every class and degree, and I cannot find words to express my sense of gratitude sufficiently. His Excellency the Governor has frequently written to me, and he, and members of the Government and permanent officials, have done all they possibly could for me. The Government have been exceedingly kind. When I asked for three months' leave of absence they granted it immediately, and enquiries have been continually made regarding my progress. I feel most grateful to all for their sympathy and their prayers. Further, I have received nothing but kindness in the other States as well."

These words were spoken by Sir Samuel Way, at his residence, Montefiore, North Adelaide, on Thursday. After his reception at the station, which must have been a physical ordeal, although he pluckily showed no signs of it, he went to Montefiore, and was able to get two or three hours' sleep. When a reporter of "The Advertiser" called on his Honor at 2 o'clock, Sir Samuel said he was sorry he had made the appointment for that time, because he was suffering from a severe attack of neuritis. He would not, however, hear of a postponement, and proceeded to give an account of the operation through which he had been and of the circumstances leading up to it.

The Nature of the Trouble.

"I was unfortunate enough," said his Honor, "to have sarcoma, which is a malignant tumor, on the upper part of my left arm. The advisability and risk of operation were discussed by several Adelaide doctors, and laid before me, and I decided to take the risk, and let Sir Alexander MacCormick operate if he were prepared to do it. He is undoubtedly one of the foremost living surgeons. The growth was first detected about the middle of April, and it was growing rapidly. I had two judgments to prepare, and I wished to dispose of them, so that if I should decide to undergo an operation I should leave a clean slate. This meant two or three weeks of hard work. Meanwhile, I had made up my mind, and on the same day that I delivered the second judgment I left by train for

Sydney. That was on July 2, and on July 4 I arrived in Sydney.

A Trying Journey.

"I should like to acknowledge the great courtesy and kindness I experienced from the Railways Commissioner (Mr. A. B. Moncrieff). He placed at my disposal his own car, which took me as far as Albury in great comfort. Here the break of gauge necessitated a change into another carriage, and although enquiries regarding my comfort were made by officials on the train and at every stopping-place, I was glad to reach Sydney. On the return journey the Governor of New South Wales (Sir Gerald Strickland) and the Premier (Mr. Holman) took special personal care that I should have the greatest comfort possible as far as Albury, and they were both at the railway-station at Sydney to see me off. From Albury to Adelaide I again travelled in the Railways Commissioner's car.

"I'll be There."

"On Sunday, July 5, I was examined by Dr. Jenkins, a heart specialist, and he said I could stand the operation. Then I saw Sir Alexander MacCormick, and he agreed with the opinion expressed by Dr. Jenkins. The question of the operation was discussed, and it was agreed to be done on the following day. I asked Sir Alexander at what time, and he said, '7.30.' I replied 'I'll be there.' At the appointed time I entered the operating room, and round the table were standing four doctors and two nurses. I noticed with interest that the anaesthetist was Dr. Blackburn, who used to be in Adelaide. He is now practising in Sydney with great success.

After the Operation.

"It seemed as if I became unconscious immediately the anaesthetic was administered, but actually the time was 32 seconds. When I recovered it was as though from a natural sleep, and I had no pain. I asked the nurse if the operation had been performed, and she said it had been. Right from the time of the operation my pulse has remained normal, which is somewhat remarkable. I have been an excellent patient in that respect.

Anecdotal.

"Mine was an interesting case, but Sir Alexander MacCormick was to me an interesting psychological study. He has a wonderful optimism that makes a patient forget his ills, and has an epigrammatic way of putting things. I asked him whether the shock might not affect me. I put it deferentially, saying I had known cases of shock occurring two or three days after an operation. 'Shock,' said Sir Alexander, 'you have no shock.' On one occasion he said, 'You must cultivate oblivion,' and another remark he made when I had been suffering from an attack of neuritis was 'It must be admitted that we have not obtained complete control over the split nerves.' I am ready from personal experience to confirm that statement. I slightly transgressed his instructions not to write or dictate letters, and the result is that I have had some very severe attacks of neuritis. I had never suffered in that way before. With that exception my health has been perfect. The operation does not seem to have affected my general health in the least. Sir Alexander MacCormick said with a little rest I shall be entirely free from neuritis.

Kindness Everywhere.

"I left Sydney last Monday. Sir Gerald Strickland paid me the greatest attention. He spent some time with me every Sunday morning after service, and before lunch, and Lady Strickland drove me out to take the air. The Governor-General (Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson) left cards for me, and he waited while Sir William Macgregor (Governor of Queensland and Chancellor of the Queensland University) paid me a farewell visit. When I got to Melbourne the Governor-General came to see me and told me the latest news of the war. He saw me again when it was known that England had declared war. He wished me to see his Raeburns, and I would have been delighted to do so, but I was not well enough to call on anybody, and the doctor forbade it. I hope I shall be able to see them at another time.