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The late Sir Samuel Way was Grand-master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in South Australia. M.W. Bro. F. B. Grundy, K.C., is the Pro-Grandmaster, and as he is one of the executors under the will of the late Chief Justice, it is expected that he will be one of the chief mourners. The Grand Lodge will be represented officially by R.W. Bro. A. W. Piper, K.C., deputy grand master, M.W. Bro. A. M. Simpson, P.G.M. (representing also the Grand Lodge of New South Wales), R.W. Bro. F. E. Cornish, P.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. T. C. Holland, P.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. W. L. Ware, P.D.G.M. (secretary of the Freemasons' Hall Trust), and R.W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, P.D.G.M. (Grand Secretary). Besides these brethren, many officers and members of the craft will attend. Carriages will be provided for the officers of the Grand Lodge and members of the Board of General Purposes, and they will leave the Freemasons' Hall at 1.20 p.m.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University (Mr. Justice Murray) and members of the Council, Senate, and staff and graduates will represent the institution of which Sir Samuel Way was Chancellor for many years. Cabs will leave the University at 1.45 p.m.

The Methodist Church Conference will be represented officially by the Rev. O. Lake.

Mr. C. A. Edmunds (hon. secretary South Australian Law Society) states that all offices of the profession will be closed this afternoon. In connection with the funeral the members will meet at the cemetery gates.

Conveyances for members of the council of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society will leave the society's office, 23, Waymouth-street, at 1.30 p.m.

Owing to the funeral, the meeting of the Chamber of Manufactures called for this afternoon has been postponed. Vehicles will leave the office of the chamber at 1.45 p.m.

#### State Funerals to Judges.

A State funeral was accorded the previous Chief Justice, Sir Richard Hanson, whom Sir Samuel Way succeeded. Sir Richard Hanson died on March 4, 1876, at Woodhouse, Stirling, and on that occasion the body was removed to the Supreme Court Buildings. It was from there that the funeral cortege left for the cemetery. A State funeral was also given to Mr. Justice Stow, who died on September 17, 1878.

#### Sympathy from all Sides.

Messages of regret and sympathy reached South Australia from many sources on Monday, and the feelings of various bodies and personages were expressed.

#### A Minister's Appreciation.

The Attorney-General (the Hon. J. H. Vaughan), who will return from a holiday trip to Tasmania on Tuesday, telegraphed to his secretary (Mr. G. G. Martin) from Melbourne on Monday, asking him to convey his sympathy to the relatives of the Chief Justice. The telegram indicated the Minister's recognition of the loss to the State by "the death of one of the greatest figures that ever adorned our bench."

#### Victorian Government's Message.

From Sir Alexander Peacock (Premier of Victoria) the Premier (Hon. Crawford Vaughan) received the following telegram:—"Accept sympathy of self and colleagues in the loss sustained by the death of Sir Samuel Way. Please convey sympathy to the relatives."

#### High Court Judge.

The Chief Justice of the High Court (Sir Samuel Griffith) telegraphed from Hobart his desire to express his deep regret "at the great loss sustained by South Australia by the death of her distinguished Chief Justice."

#### Sir Edmund Barton's Tribute.

Sir Edmund Barton, who is returning to Sydney by the R.M.S. Karmala after a trip to England, remarked on Monday:—"I heard of the death of Sir Samuel Way this morning. His demise will be a great loss to South Australia. Advanced as his age was, his departure will cause great grief, not only in South Australia, but outside it, because the range of his friendships was very great, and the gifts of character which he added to those of his keen and active mind, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was a most interesting man and there never was a kinder friend. His death has followed too soon after that of my friend Sir John Downer, with whom I

was on terms of intimacy for nearly a quarter of a century. I deeply deplore the fact that he died at the time I was parted from him by several thousands of leagues of sea. The loss of two such men, added to the sorrowful tone of the war, must be deeply felt by all classes in South Australia. I wish to express my profound sympathy with them."

#### "A National Loss."

Mr. Justice Gordon, in a telegram from Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island, stated that he had no time adequately to express himself. He described the death of Sir Samuel Way as a national loss, and mentioned that the news only reached him in time to permit him to secure a passage to the mainland by steamer.

Dr. Fitchett, of Melbourne, in a telegram to Sir Langdon Bonython, says:—"The death of Chief Justice Way is a great national and personal loss; profound sympathy."

#### Courts Adjourned.

A notice was posted at the Supreme Court buildings on Monday stating that no courts would sit until after the funeral of the late Sir Samuel Way. The sitting of the Industrial Court was adjourned by Mr. Justice Buchanan from Monday till Friday. The Insolvency Court, which was to have been held on Tuesday, will be adjourned by the Registrar (Mr. J. G. Ashton) till the following Tuesday.

#### In the Police Court.

Before any cases were called on at the Adelaide Police Court on Monday Mr. T. Gepp, S.M., said the business of the court scarcely ever permitted of long adjournments being made, but he proposed to adjourn it for half an hour out of respect for the memory of the late Chief Justice.

Mr. C. M. Muirhead said as the oldest member of the bar present he, on behalf of the bar, deeply deplored the death of the Chief Justice, which was the greatest loss the bar had sustained during the past forty years. He was a just and fearless judge, and one of the greatest jurists of the present century. Added to that he was a good and true man. The late Chief Justice was a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, an honor conferred by King Edward. He had been offered a judgeship in the High Court, but he preferred to remain in South Australia. He was a sincere friend to the sick, poor, and afflicted. It was to be hoped that a statue would be erected to his memory. The members of the bar extended their deepest sympathy to the relatives.

#### City Council's Sympathy.

The Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. I. Isaacs) to-day sent the following letter to Mrs. Allan Campbell, sister of the late Chief Justice:—"Dear Madam—On behalf of the council and citizens of Adelaide I desire to convey to you and the other members of your family our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have suffered by the death of your most distinguished brother, the Right Honorable Sir S. J. Way, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., LL.D. The splendid services rendered by the late Chief Justice to Adelaide, South Australia, the Commonwealth, and the Empire generally are well known to every citizen, while his character was such as to stand as a shining example for emulation. It is needless for me to add that the City Council is fully sensible of the State having suffered the loss of her most- eminent citizen, whose life and works have engraven themselves indelibly in the records of this country."

#### Norwood Council.

When the Kensington and Norwood Council met on Monday, the Mayor (Mr. H. J. Holden) in referring to the death of Sir Samuel Way, said everyone recognised his great ability as Chief Justice and his skill as an administrator. The council joined in appreciating a life that had been well spent in the public service. Alderman Mattingly moved a resolution of condolence and sympathy, and that the council adjourn for five minutes. The motion was carried. The Mayor suggested that the council might take part in the State funeral by sending a carriage. He was sorry he would not be able to attend. A resolution was passed authorising the council to be represented.

At the meeting of the Brighton Town Council on Monday, the Mayor (Mr. J. H. Grundy) said Sir Samuel Way had made his name in South Australia by his wonderful knowledge of law and the strict probity of his life. It was resolved to forward a letter of condolence.

#### Methodists' Resolution.

At the quarterly meeting of the Central Methodist Mission on Monday evening, presided over by the Rev. H. Howard, the following motion was passed on the motion of the Rev. W. H. Robinson, seconded by Mr. C. H. Martin:—"That we place on record our deep sense of loss sustained by our church in the death of Sir Samuel Way, who for many years was a member of this meeting, and a most distinguished member of the conference; and that the secretary be requested to convey to the relatives the deep sympathy of our members."

Mr. C. G. Gurr, the Provincial Sub-Prior of Knights Templar for South and Western Australia, has received the following telegram from Perth:—"The preceptor and members of the Westralia Preceptory, on behalf of the Knights Templar of Western Australia, convey their deepest sympathy in the great loss sustained by the death of our beloved provincial prior. The loss is a very real one, indeed. His keen and kindly interest in the order endeared him very closely to all the members in both States."

The Mayor of Wallaroo (Mr. Ashton) sent a telegraphic message as follows:—"Wallaroo learns with regret of the loss sustained by the State through the death of Sir Samuel Way."

Mr. W. S. Heaslip (chairman of the Saddleworth District Council) telegraphed to the Premier on Monday:—"Residents of Saddleworth district deeply regret the State's irreparable loss in the demise of Sir Samuel Way."

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Cordial assent will be given by South Australians to the project for the erection in Adelaide of a permanent memorial, in the form of a statue, of the late Chief Justice. As indicated in a letter from the Hon. D. J. Gordon, M.L.C., in *The Register* to-day, the proposal was mooted some time ago, and a substantial sum towards the cost of the monument was then spontaneously subscribed. Extraordinary calls on the liberality of the public have been necessitated by numerous patriotic funds, but the esteem and affection widely cherished for Sir Samuel Way are so profound and strong that the full amount required to provide a noble and a lasting tribute to so great a citizen will doubtless be promptly forthcoming. The State funeral which was accorded the deceased's remains on Tuesday marked the community's sense of deep loss through his demise. The silent homage reverently paid to Sir Samuel's memory by the crowds who watched the cortege move through the streets, or who gathered around the open grave, eloquently testified to the general feeling that a rare and eminent Master in Israel had fallen.

The best memorial of a human life is found in useful achievements and the enduring influences which radiate from exalted aims and social service. The late Chief Justice's long career was so beneficially active that his strong personality is likely always sensibly to affect the history of the State. But Sir Samuel was a genial soul, who cultivated innumerable friendships, and earned the kindly regard of people who never exchanged a word with him, but who were impressed by his fine reputation as a Judge and a Christian citizen. It is, therefore, natural and proper that the public should desire to possess a "speaking likeness" of a man of whom the State is so justly proud. Our beautiful metropolis is not nearly so well provided with statuary as it ought to be, and the proposed monument will be a much-prized civic ornament. It will demonstrate that Adelaide can appreciate properly the State's conspicuously able citizens, whom outsiders have delighted to honour, and it may afford pleasing stimulus to the rising race to emulate the fine examples of men who helped to lay securely the foundations of communal life in our island continent.

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