

# PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS.

## Of Three Chancellors.

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Having had so many able and devoted men at its helm, it is quite natural that the University, after 50 years, should be in smooth waters, and that its friends are able to survey with satisfaction the achievements of that brief period. Few of us can hope to live to see it attain its centenary, but, judging from the past, the future will be at least future will be attended with greater success than is recorded at this jubilee celebration. One of its great Chancellors was Bishop Short, D.D., first Bishop of Adelaide. He, like the late Dean Farrell and Deau Russell and the Rev. Canon Poole, M.A. (who is still with us), surrendered advantages in the homeland and left friends and home there to rough it in Australia. In those days there were no facilities for transport, no railways, and few good roads. These and other scholarly and refined gentlemen did indeed "blaze the trail." Besides preaching the gospel, they founded churches and schools, and largely to the Bishop's efforts is due the establishment of St. Peter's College, the Cathedral, and the Adelaide University. If one asked, "Where is Dr. Short's monument?" one would be inclined to say, "Look around and see not one monument but three—the University, the Cathedral, and St. Peter's College." What a wonderful achievement for him and his fellow-pioneer clergymen, and what a splendid harvest has already been garnered from the seed sown through the munificent benefactions of Sir Walter W. Hughes, K.C., Sir Thomas Elder! My grandfather, a physician and scholar, when upwards of 80 years old, visited us in Adelaide, and being an old friend of Bishop Short and his relations in England, had much personal intercourse with him here. Thus I got to know him, and of all the distinguished men I have met none appealed to me in the way Bishop Short did. At that time he must have been well in the seventies, hale and hearty, of fine, sturdy physique, and a noble countenance. I much enjoyed listening to his chats with my grandfather. I recall, too, the sound scholarly advice he gave either in addressing the boys of St. Peter's College or at church, or as Chancellor of the University, and I still have some prizes handed to me by Bishop Short which I value highly. He had a great fund of humour, and always strove to do good to his fellow-citizens in word and deed. I trust the day is not far distant when the memory of his great work will be perpetuated by a statue erected at the University alongside those of the late Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way), Sir W. W. Hughes, and Sir Thomas Elder.

I had not the same opportunity of knowing Chancellor Sir Richard D. Hanson. He was of medium height, good physique, noble head, and strong features. He had a slight limp in walking. During his career at the Bar, and respectively as member of Parliament, Attorney-General, Chief Justice, and Chancellor of the University, he was dignified, thorough, and conscientious. He was inclined to austerity and aloofness, but he had a powerful intellect, and his sudden death left a blank which was not easily filled.

The next Chancellor I knew was the late Right Hon. Sir Samuel Way, Bart., a friend of mine, for upwards of 55 years. Like many other members of the legal profession in the early days, he missed having a University ~~where~~ ~~and~~ ~~could~~ ~~not~~ ~~afford~~ the expense of going to the old country to obtain degrees. He told me that he was determined to do all he could to ensure that other young men should not be so handicapped. We know how faithfully he laboured for the Adelaide University, and how, with that rich mind of his, he attained to eminence in politics, in the Government, and in the law. His untiring industry, great eloquence, and enormous capacity for work will long be remembered. He told me that if he could not say kind things about men he would prefer not to say anything. Indeed, one of his ideals seemed to be to try and leave the world better than he found it. Like Bishop Short, he was very enthusiastic and keen on education. About 25 years ago his doctor advised him to take to riding as an exercise, and at his request I purchased for him a quiet hack. During several summers I often joined him in riding in the early morning. We would ride all around the suburbs of Adelaide, sometimes passing Prince Alfred and Way Colleges and the University, and he expressed the intention of doing all that he could during the remainder of his days to help those institutions. He hoped to live to see the University further endowed by our wealthy citizens, and, as every one knows, several citizens since that time have generously helped the University. For many years he presided at almost every Commemoration, and proved himself an ardent advocate of higher learning.