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to prepare a series of invaluable books for school use the sale of which has of late years brought in a revenue more than sufficient to pay his salary. To this work he was wont to devote evenings which he might fairly have claimed for private relaxation, but his burning zeal in the cause of education led him to look upon these efforts of authorship as a labour of love.

The magnificent State-school system in existence in South Australia is thus a monument to Mr. Hartley's mental powers and unsparing energies. Others have assisted in raising the structure, but he has been the architect-in-chief and the wise master-builder. If he had had his own way in everything it is possible that something akin to the New South Wales plan of Scripture lessons would long ere this have been adopted here, but recognising loyally the strong public feeling in opposition to such a plan he made it his business to introduce into the curriculum a recognition of the highest principles of morality. As has been proved over and over again, the charge of "godlessness" sometimes brought against the system is altogether unwarranted, and the results as indicated in the criminal statistics of the community have been most satisfactory. But Mr. Hartley was not content with the work of elementary education. To the University he has been a pillar of strength, applying himself with untiring zeal to the duty of adapting it to the requirements of the community. To him is due in large measure the successful steps taken to popularize its methods and extend its usefulness. No member of the Council has been more liberal in his views of the need for bringing the institution into touch with the public, or more assiduous in his efforts to give practical effect to the proposals having that end in view. His elevation to the Vice-Chancellorship was the tribute paid by his colleagues to his commanding talents

and capacity for administration, and their action had the endorsement of all friends of the University throughout the province. Nor was the recognition of his merits confined to South Australia. Educationists in the other colonies were quick to acknowledge his pre-eminent abilities, which were cheerfully placed at the disposal of those desirous of taking advantage of them. He was a striking exemplification of the truth of the adage that "Knowledge is power." The secret of his influence was that

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he took pains to make himself thoroughly acquainted with whatever he undertook, and his mental alertness and natural readiness of resource made easy to him studies and processes which to most men present insuperable difficulties.

In what we have thus said we have been simply recording facts which are patent to all who have been brought into close contact with Mr. Hartley. Those who have had that privilege, whether they have been able to see eye to eye with him or not, will without exception join in the verdict that the colony is incalculably the poorer for having been deprived of the services of such a man. Bearing in mind his sterling Christian character, his transparent honesty, his inflexible sense of justice, his purity of life, it could not be otherwise than that his influence should have contributed greatly to the rearing of virtuous and high-minded citizens. His noble example has been a lesson to the youthful and a stimulus to those more advanced in age. Upon troops of deeply attached personal friends his death has inflicted an irreparable loss. Those who knew him well realized how baseless were the accusations of austerity — of an absence of lovingkindness — occasionally brought against him. His sincerity, his generosity, his tenderness, his consideration for others, were conspicuous traits in his character, and those best acquainted with him trusted him most and loved him best. It is a heart-breaking reflection that a seemingly trifling accident should have cut short so brilliant, so devoted, and so useful a career. In the words of Holy Writ, Mr. Hartley's "sun has gone down while it is yet day," and the gloom which the sad event has brought in its wake will not easily be dispersed. All the same, he has left behind him the enviable record of a well-spent life. Throughout the colony to-day there will be general mourning, accompanied by a feeling of the profoundest sympathy for the widow so unexpectedly plunged in unspeakable sorrow.