

THE LATE LADY WAY.

Widespread Sympathy.

The news of the death of Lady Way was received with profound regret in Adelaide and elsewhere on Friday. Many expressions of the deepest sympathy with Sir Samuel Way have been made.

TRIBUTES FROM THE BENCH.

LAW COURTS ADJOURNED.

Owing to the death of Lady Way the Supreme Court and the Local Court of Full Jurisdiction adjourned on Friday morning, and the Supreme Court will remain closed until Monday morning, except for the transaction of necessary business.

—“The Universal Sentiments.”—

His Honor Mr. Justice Gordon said:—“The Court will adjourn as a mark of the deep grief which, in common with the universal sentiments of their fellow-citizens, the Judges, the officers of the Court of Law, and the members of the legal profession feel at the death of Lady Way. We pray that our beloved Chief Justice may be sustained in his great bereavement.”

—“Fit and Noble Helpmate.”—

His Honor Mr. Justice Buchanan, in the Local Court of Full Jurisdiction, remarked:—“I desire to express the intense sympathy felt by myself and my colleagues—a sympathy shared not only by every member of the Bar, but also by the whole community—with His Honor the Chief Justice in the tragically sudden loss that has befallen him. According as we are able to appreciate how fit and noble a helpmate the late Lady Way proved herself—which none of us is able fully to do—will be the depth of our sympathy with the stricken husband. We pray and trust that in this terrible blow he will not seek in vain the strength to bear his severe loss, and to enable him to continue his great public service to the State. As I am assured it will be impossible to conclude this case to-day, I now, as a mark of sympathy, adjourn the Court until Monday morning next.”

—Sympathy of the Bar.—

Mr. T. S. O'Halloran, as senior member of the Bar present, said he desired, on behalf of the members of the Bar, to join in His Honor's expression of deep sympathy with His Honor the learned Chief Justice. He sympathized very deeply with their friend the Chief Justice—for he was the friend of the Bar—in his sudden and terrible loss.

—“Endeared to the Community.”—

The business of the Insolvency Court was suspended until Tuesday next. Commissioner Russell said it was with full hearts and much distress that they had to listen to the bells tolling that morning announcing the sad bereavement that had fallen upon the community as well as upon those immediately affected, and especially their worthy Chief Justice. They sincerely regretted the sudden bereavement that had overtaken His Honor in the loss of his much-esteemed wife. She was a lady endeared to the whole community, a great worker in good works, one who delighted to do good, and one who did good by stealth and not for public acclamation or praise. Her loss was very great, and the deepest sympathy went out to those who were left, and especially for the worthy President of the Supreme Court they felt the greatest amount of grief possible. On an occasion like that words could not express their feelings. To those favoured with the friendship of her ladyship the loss would be irreparable. Lady Way was one of those who could not live in the community without being beloved. She had done good where good was required, and her loss would be very much felt by those who had been associated with her.

—“Gentle, Kind, and Good.”—

Mr. C. M. Muirhead, senior member of the Bar present, said he would like His Honor to convey to their dear friend the Chief Justice their deep and sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss he had sustained through the death of Lady Way, his wife and helpmate. She was well known both to His Honor and the members of the Bar. Personally he knew her before and since her marriage, and she was always the same—a gentle, kind, and good woman. It seemed only the other day that they were congratulating the Chief Justice on his recovery from a severe illness, a recovery due to the ceaseless nursing and care of Lady Way. Her good actions were legion, and she certainly tried to leave the world better than she had found it. She could ill be spared. Her good deeds would live after her, and she would be mourned both by rich and poor alike.

—Lord Denman's Condolence.—

Graceful and notable references to the death of Lady Way were made at the Commonwealth Club luncheon on Friday afternoon. His Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Denman), who was the guest of the day, prefaced his speech by a fine, touching tribute to the late wife of Sir Samuel Way. “I would like to say a few words of a personal character,” he remarked, “before I begin my reply. I was very much shocked on my arrival here this morning to read of the death of Lady Way. It is a very sad event indeed, to all in the City of Adelaide. I had the pleasure of meeting Lady Way only a few weeks ago, and she then seemed in the best of health. Her sudden death must have been a great shock to you all and to her many friends. She was, I believe, identified with almost every philanthropic institution in this city, and played an active part. Lady Way was a charming hostess, and I am quite sure that our sincerest sympathy will be extended to the veteran Lieutenant-Governor in the very sad bereavement he has suffered.” Lord Denman's words were received with deep sympathy.

Sir John Downer subsequently said they all felt very deeply with Lord Denman in his sympathetic references to the calamity of the sudden death of the charming and eminent Lady Way, who had been dear to South Australia. His Excellency's mention of the inconsolable grief of the husband, who was a great and eminent man, and who suffered terribly in the loss that he had undergone, they also appreciated. He would not have referred to a matter so sad on such an occasion had not His Lordship so thoughtfully alluded to it. They all felt very much the tender words of sympathy Lord Denman had expressed, and thanked him for them.

—Condolences from all Parts.—

During Friday His Honor the Chief Justice received letters and telegrams of sympathy from all parts of Australia. Among those who sent their condolences were the Governor-General (Lord Denman), and Lady Denman, the Governor of South Australia (Sir Henry Galway), and Lady Galway, the Governor of Queensland (Sir William Macgregor), the Governor of Tasmania (Sir W. G. Ellison-Macartney) as Grand Master of the Freemasons, the Federal Treasurer (Sir John Forrest) and Lady Forrest, the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth (Sir Samuel Griffith), Sir Edmund Barton, Mr. Justice Isaacs, Mr. Justice Duffy, Mr. Justice Rich, and numerous personal friends.

—Public Library Board.—

At a meeting of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery Board on Friday afternoon the President (Mr. W. J. Sowden) referred to the death of Lady Way. Mr. L. Grayson moved—“That the board of governors of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of South Australia desires to express its sincere sympathy and condolence with His Honor the Chief Justice in the lamented sudden death of Lady Way.” He said that Lady Way had won deep regard, not only because of her position, but because of her large warmheartedness and her philanthropic sympathy.

Mr. W. Howchin seconded, and Mr. E. Davies supported briefly, but in deeply sympathetic terms.

The President said that before formally putting the motion he wished to express his sincere and earnest acquiescence in its sentiments. “The highest compliment which can be paid to a man at the close of his life's work,” he said, “is not necessarily to say that he had no enemy, but that he was a man who tried to do what he conceived to be his duty, whether he made enemies or not. The case of a woman is, however, different. She does not stand in the active firing line of life in the same way as a man does. But Lady Way occupied an extremely difficult as well as a highly exalted position—one which required the exercise of tact, and judgment, and patience, and it is a true compliment to her to say, as one can say in honesty, that when she left life she left no enemies. She earned among all classes, because she was known by all classes, admiration, respect, esteem, and, best of all, love. She was a woman of infinite charity, not only in relation to the actual relief of the poor and the suffering, but in her judgment and estimation of others. If she could not conscientiously

speaking well of any one she spoke not at all, and always believed the best of her fellow-mortals. The life closed was one of devoted unselfishness and helpfulness, and the ending of it was as the sudden blotting out of the moon from a clear sky. I wish, in this public position, to add my simple, sincere, and honest tribute to one of the gentlest and kindest and most estimable of women.”

The proposition was carried with bowed heads.

—University Lectures Suspended.—

In consequence of the death of Lady Way there will be no lectures at the University to-day.

—Salvationists' Tribute.—

Col. Cain (Divisional Officer of the Salvation Army), writes:—“The sad news of the sudden death of Lady Way comes as a very great surprise to us. We remember the many acts of kindness shown by her in various ways in connection with the Salvation Army, and desire to express publicly our deepest sympathy with Sir Samuel and those who are left behind to mourn the loss of a loved one. The members of the Salvation Army unite in fervent prayers that sustaining comfort that only comes from our Heavenly Father may be with the bereaved.”

—Chamber of Commerce.—

Deeply sympathetic references were made, at a meeting of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, to the decease of Lady Way. At the suggestion of the Vice-President (Mr. F. W. Vasey) a message of condolence was forwarded to the Chief Justice.

—Y.M.C.A.—

The regret of members of the Y.M.C.A. is expressed as follows in their journal, M.A., issued on Friday evening:—“The passing of Lady Way means an irreparable loss to every cause in South Australia that makes for the welfare of the community. To Sir Samuel Way our hearts go out in deepest sympathy in his great sorrow, and many will be the prayers that he will be divinely sustained in his hour of heavy trial.”

—Sorrow at Strathalbyn.—

Our Strathalbyn correspondent wrote on May 15:—“The news of the sudden death of Lady Way caused widespread sorrow and regret among her many old friends in Strathalbyn. Many people could scarcely realize that the end had come of one who, by her kindly and sympathetic nature, had always endeared herself to those with whom she had come in contact. Lady Way spent her girlhood days and most of her early married life in Strathalbyn, where her children were brought up. She and Dr. Blue (who was for many years Mayor of the town) took a deep interest in all matters that made for the progress of the district, and, although it is now many years since Lady Way resided here,