

**"Her Natural Sympathy."**

Mr. G. F. Claridge (chairman of the board of management of the Home for Incurables) expressed deep regret when informed of the death of Lady Way, who was a popular and valued member of the board. "Lady Way took a deep interest in the home," he remarked, "and at any time when we needed help with the arranging and conduct of fetes she never failed us with practical assistance and her helpful patronage. Whenever I consulted her ladyship in respect to the home, she evinced the warmest interest and always came forward readily and willingly to promote the general welfare of the inmates. She visited the institution frequently, and was exceedingly popular amongst the inmates. Her natural sympathy with all persons who suffered impelled her to assist the board whenever possible. All the members of the board will be deeply affected by the news of her death."

**Dr. Hamilton's Eulogy.**

Lady Way was a member of the State Children's Council, and the members of that body will sadly miss her cheerful presence at their meetings. Dr. C. W. Hamilton (president of the council) said last night:—"I am sincerely sorry to hear of the death of Lady Way. She was a very valuable member, and her death will occasion great sorrow among the members. She had assisted the council as a member for many years, and it comes as a great shock after such a long association to hear of her awfully sudden death. Only yesterday we had a meeting of the council, and Lady Way was present, apparently in good health. She had taken an active interest and been most regular in her attendance. State children always aroused her interest, and she was ever ready to help them. Lady Way was highly popular with members of the council. I feel the deepest sympathy with Sir Samuel Way in his great trouble. I heard the sad news only a short time ago, and could scarcely believe it."

**Mrs. C. E. Todd.**

In common with all those connected with the Lady Victoria Buxton Girls' Club, the general secretary (Mrs. C. E. Todd) was much distressed at hearing the news. "Lady Way," she said, "has been associated with the club since it was formed in 1898 by Lady Victoria Buxton. In fact, she was one of the committee called together at Government House by Lady Victoria in the beginning of that year to discuss the formation of the club. Since that time Lady Way has acted as vice-president, together with the wife of the Bishop for the time being—first Mrs. Harmer, and now Mrs. Thomas. Her ladyship always took the keenest interest in the work; in fact, it was, I think I might say, a loving interest. She always took such a deep personal interest in the girls' work, and in their joys and sorrows. A few years ago she sent them her picture to hang in their room, and they were very delighted with it. They always looked upon Lady Way as a friend. She often attended their socials and similar gatherings, and would sit down and play and sing with them. She was so interested in their personalities and in their lives, and did not regard the club merely as an institution, although she concerned herself with that side of the work also. She attended a committee meeting less than a fortnight ago, and displayed the keenest possible interest in the new premises now in course of erection. Work amongst girls and women was undoubtedly one of the special interests of her life, and it is a sphere from which she will be greatly missed. I was always struck with her kindly and affectionate nature, and her human interest in other people's joys and sorrows."

**Mr. Herbert Phillipps.**

Mr. W. Herbert Phillipps, president of the Queen's Home, said:—"The news has filled me with profound sorrow. I have been associated with Lady Way in so many charitable movements that I realise her death will be a great loss to the community. From the first she took an active interest in everything connected with the Queen's Home, and has been of immense service to the ladies' committee in the internal control of that institution. On all occasions she has been ready and willing to devote her time to the advancement of every charitable object. I am satisfied that her loss will occasion universal sorrow."

**Loss to the Children's Hospital.**

The Rev. D. Burgess, the late secretary of the Children's Hospital, stated:—"I feel greatly distressed, for I may claim that Lady Way was my personal friend. During the 12 years I was secretary of the Children's Hospital I had the opportunity of observing the genuineness of her interest and her efficiency in active service. The domestic establishment of the hospital and the nurses' department also are under the control of a ladies' committee, of which Lady Way was one, and it is hardly necessary to say how much of the successful management and internal working of the institution depends on the ladies of that committee. Among those who took that responsibility Lady Way was always prominent. Her interest and her service were not merely formal and perfunctory, but the genuineness of her feeling on behalf of the sick children called for admiration. At the meetings of the ladies' committee, and at the board meetings also, she was remarkably regular in her attendance, considering the variety and number of other engagements and interests that she had. Her visits to the hospital, inspection of details, and suggestions as to management, all evinced the same care and thoughtfulness. Her capacity for all kinds of administrative work was high, and her active efforts were continuous. At the time when the hospital funds were exceptionally low—about 1904—and the street collection was inaugurated, she was the president of the committee which organised that successful effort. The meetings were held in Lady Way's drawing-room, and she was one of the regular collectors during the years in which the street collections were continued. The total amount raised in the course of three years was at least £2,000. At other times, in connection with lawn fetes and other efforts to assist the funds of the hospital, she exhibited the same active interest. The board of management showed its appreciation of her services by electing her in the first instance as a life member, and subsequently as one of the vice-presidents of the institution. These appointments were not merely complimentary, but were in distinct as well as direct recognition of the excellent services she had rendered and the sustained interest she had shown. Her decease will be a very serious loss to the Children's Hospital. She will be missed in all kinds of ways. Members of the board and those immediately associated with the management of the institution will feel that one of their most valuable helpers has been taken away. Though I am not now officially connected with the hospital other than as a member of the board of management, I am glad to express the high appreciation of her services, which I am sure is universally held. My duties as secretary required frequent consultation with Sir Samuel and Lady Way, whom I always found most accessible and helpful. I am quite sure the feeling of sympathy with the Chief Justice, who has been president of the Children's Hospital from its foundation, will be very deep and tender. His services have been of the highest value, and Lady Way has been his efficient helpmeet. When I think of how sadly and sorely he must feel the bereavement I am broken-hearted for him."

**Miss E. L. Anderson.**

The news came as a great shock to Miss E. L. Anderson, the general secretary of the Adelaide Young Women's Christian Association, an organisation with which Lady Way was prominently associated. "Her ladyship," said Miss Anderson last night, "was the patroness of the association for many years. In the contact we have had with her we have always felt that she realised the demands and the opportunities of her high position, and always used her influence on behalf of worthy objects. I found her specially sympathetic in the case of girls or women. I have had many conversations with her about girls in whom she was interested, who were either out of health or discouraged by their circumstances, or who needed to be steadied in purpose. She made time for personal interest and practical help in many cases,

and was connected with various societies for girls. In her relations with all these societies she never adopted an attitude of patronage, but entered genuinely into their successes or their problems. I was speaking to-night to a lady who was associated with one of these societies. We all feel the same about Lady Way, that she was so beautiful in her spirit in this way among all those with whom she was associated. On special occasions at the Y.W.C.A. she was always ready to attend, and manifested a sincere pleasure in the progress of the organisation, doing all that was in her power to advance it. The late Mrs. Charles Birks (who was president of the association), and Lady Way had a sincere admiration for each other, and they worked conjointly in various societies. Lady Way was associated with Mrs. Birks in the National Council of Women. Her ladyship was, I believe, president, and Mrs. Birks secretary. Of recent years this council lapsed in South Australia. Lady Way was also much interested in the University Students' Christian Union, and encouraged numerous social activities of the union by attendance at functions from time to time. She was, of course, ever ready with her practical help. She was greatly beloved. I think one might sum up by saying that all people were her friends. She was never untactful or ungracious in her relationships with people, either officially or personally, and we shall remember her as a lady of noble and dignified character."

Owing to the death of Lady Way, who was president of the Alliance Francaise, the soiree which was announced for to-night has been postponed.

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**DEATH OF LADY WAY****AFTER A VERY BRIEF ILLNESS**

Early yesterday evening the sad news was circulated in Adelaide that Lady Way, the wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, was dead. It seemed incredible at first, because Lady Way has been so actively before the public in recent days, and no word had been heard of any indisposition. The end, it appears, came with grave suddenness. Her ladyship's first symptoms of ill-health were not manifested until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Medical advice was immediately sought, and the seriousness of the patient's condition was immediately realised. Despite every possible effort that medical science could suggest Lady Way grew gradually worse, and passed away peacefully about 6 p.m. All the family were present at the end.

Lady Way was married to Sir Samuel Way in 1898, on April 11, Sir Samuel's birthday, and there has been no issue of the marriage. She was the widow of the late Dr. W. A. S. Blue, of Strathalbyn, and her kindnesses and benefactions in that district are widespread and well remembered by those who benefited by her unostentatious bounty. Since her second marriage Lady Way's influence has been exercised in a wider sphere, and she has been the leading spirit in almost every charitable movement. One of the many institutions with which she was intimately and interestedly connected was the Institution for the Blind, which is now conducting a great fair, but which was immediately closed when the death of Lady Way was made known. In all the great social and philanthropic aims of Sir Samuel Way his wife proved an admirable ally and helpmate, and to secure their co-operation in any charitable function was to command success. Of Lady Way's first marriage there are four children living, namely, Mr. S. B. Blue, Mr. A. G. Blue, Mr. W. B. Blue, and Mrs. Herbert Ry-mill. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning, the cortege leaving Montefiore at 10 o'clock for Christ Church, and thence for the West Terrace Cemetery, at 11.15.