

zations of the province would make heavy demands upon our space. Turn in what direction we may we find him prominently associated with movements of an educational, social, and philanthropic character. With the University of Adelaide, the Public Library Museum and National Gallery, the Freemasons, the Acclimatization Society, the Children's Hospital, and a score of other institutions he is closely identified, and that not as a mere ornamental office-holder, but as an indefatigable worker. Of the service he has rendered in entertaining distinguished visitors to South Australia it is impossible to speak too highly. It is not too much to say that in this respect he has done more to recommend the province to influential men, titled and untitled, learned and less learned, rich and poor, than any other dozen men who could be named. He is as far-famed for his hospitality as for his public-spiritedness, and the debt of gratitude which South Australians owe him on these accounts cannot be repaid.

In saying all this we are not using the language of empty compliment, but are merely stating plain facts. It is hardly necessary to recall the circumstance that on many occasions His Honor has been required to act as Her Majesty's representative, and that he has filled the position in every respect with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the province. It is no secret that he has more than once had the offer of a title, but he has not seen fit to accept the distinction. Should he be prevailed upon while absent from the colony to change his determination in this respect he may rely upon it that South Australians will rejoice in the royal recognition of his claims. It would have been a pleasure to many leading colonists to have had the opportunity of showing their appreciation of Mr. Way's public services by giving a banquet in his honour on the eve of his departure, but at his own special request the movement in favour of such a banquet has not been persisted in. There is no necessity, however, for the community to express in any such formal way its sense of obligation to His Honor. He will carry with him the goodwill of South Australians in general, who will heartily wish him a pleasant and prosperous journey and a safe return.

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It is announced to-day that the Chief Justice has applied to the Government for a year's leave of absence, in order that he may visit England, and that the application will be granted. Nearly fifteen years have elapsed since his Honor was appointed Chief Justice in succession to Sir R. D. Hanson. Few of our prominent citizens can boast of a more laborious and useful record, and it will be generally acknowledged that Chief Justice Way has fully earned the holiday he now proposes to take. It has been represented lately that the duties of the position he fills on the judicial bench are not particularly arduous. Any estimate of the work of a judge from what is seen of it merely in the open court is of course liable to serious error. Much has to be done at other times of which the public can have little knowledge, and no judge could attain to the reputation which Chief Justice Way deservedly bears if a great many of the hours which are assumed to be leisure were not devoted to the industrious and intelligent study of the cases brought before him. As the head of the judicial bench his services have given unqualified satisfaction. An acute and sagacious lawyer, affable in manner, with unwearied patience, he has commanded the respect and good wishes of the bar, just as his unquestioned impartiality has secured the confidence of the public. The impression that the Chief Justice has not a specially onerous task to carry out as the head of the judiciary is traceable to the fact that his exceptional activity has enabled him to undertake a variety of other functions, most of which are of a purely voluntary character. A judge of another disposition, lacking the unappeasable appetite for work, would naturally be much less in evidence, but it is entirely to the credit of Chief Justice Way that it is not the habit of his mind to reckon time as his own when his services are in demand for the advancement of some worthy cause or the benefit of the public in any direction. He is of a peculiarly active and sanguine temperament, and judging his character from his public career one may safely conclude that he regards it as the greatest good in life to be constantly and usefully employed.

It has fallen to the lot of the Chief Justice on numerous occasions to administer the Government of the colony. It is no disrespect to any of the Governors who have come to us from England to say, in vulgar phrase, that the local article has been quite equal to the imported. His Honor has fulfilled the duties of the viceregal office with efficiency and dignity. The actual work of administration, as every Government will testify, could not be better done than by the Chief Justice, whose ripe acquaintance with colonial constitutional law and practice has been an exceptional qualification for a position the duties of which, even now, are not entirely nominal. In dispensing hospitality and entertaining visitors his Honor will bear favorable comparison with any of the occupants of the gubernatorial office. He has, in the highest position it has been possible for him to fill, worthily maintained the credit of the colony, making an impression on passing visitors alike honorable to himself and beneficial to South Australia. But in addition to his strictly official functions