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# DEATH OF DR. BARLOW

## A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

The news of the death of Dr. William Barlow, C.M.G., the Vice-Chancellor of the University, which occurred on Monday morning will be received with profound regret by a wide circle of friends. Dr. Barlow was born in Dublin in 1834, and was the son of the late Mr. Peter Barlow, Q.C. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1855. He obtained the gold medal for oratory at the Trinity College Historical Society, and was called to the Irish bar in 1858. He subsequently came to Australia, and was admitted to the South Australian bar in 1870. On February 15, 1873, he entered



The late Dr. Barlow, C.M.G.

into partnership with the late Sir (then Mr.) Richard Chaffey Baker, and formed the firm of Baker & Barlow, with which he continued to be actively associated until October, 1909, when he retired. It was perhaps in his connection with the Adelaide University, however, that he was best known. He was the first registrar of that institution, having been appointed to that position on December 18, 1874, and he filled the post of executive officer at the most important time in the history of the University. He was also clerk of the senate. He held the reins throughout the formulative period, and when he resigned, in 1882, the University was well established. Upon his retirement, the council ordered it to be recorded in their minutes that they felt the warmest appreciation of the zeal and ability with which Dr. Barlow had discharged the duties of his office, and the deepest regret at his retirement. From the position of registrar Dr. Barlow stepped straight into that of a member of the council of the University, a position which he held up to the time of his death. He was elected vice-chancellor on September 25, 1896, in succession to the late Mr. J. A. Hartley. He watched the University develop from its infancy upwards, and he always took the very deepest interest in all that pertained to its welfare. Dr. Barlow gained the LL.D. degree of the Dublin University in 1884, and for some time he was Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Adelaide University. He was a representative of Christ Church, North Adelaide on the Anglican Synod.

For many years he was chancellor of the diocese, and he had also held the position of solicitor to the Synod. His name was well known in Masonic circles. Before leaving Ireland he was worshipful master of the Military Lodge in Dublin, and he held many high offices in the craft, in which he always took a very keen and active interest. He was Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and the representative in South Australia for the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He had been in delicate health for some time, and his death was not altogether unexpected.

Dr. Barlow was a real Irish gentleman, and no higher term of praise could be accorded to him. He was courtesy and modesty personified, and he radiated geniality and good humor. His tall and handsome figure had been known in Adelaide for very many years, and his name was never mentioned anywhere without respect. He was extremely popular with the University students, as well as with all graduates of that institution, whose careers he followed with almost a fatherly affection. He was highly esteemed by all the members of his own profession, and as a private friend he enjoyed the admiration of a very wide circle. As a Churchman, too, his achievements will always rank extremely high. The whole community is indebted to Dr. Barlow for the splendid service he has performed in a quiet and unostentatious way for the cause of education, and there was general pleasure when last year he was created a Companion of St. Michael and St. George by his Majesty the King in recognition of that work. The investiture took place at Government House on September 3, the ceremony being performed by the Governor-General (Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson).

#### Appreciation by Chief Justice.

His Honor the Chief Justice heard of the death of Dr. Barlow while he was engaged in the Full Court on Monday. He said:—"I am sure the members of the profession and everyone who knew him will be grieved to hear of the death of Dr. Barlow, who was a very learned lawyer and a gentleman of the highest possible character. He rendered great public service to the State, and lived an unblemished life. His was a particularly beautiful career. He had been retired from the practice of the profession for some years, but his services were at the disposal of the Adelaide University, with which he was associated from its very commencement. He was the original registrar and on his retirement he was elected to a position on the council, and for many years he has been the Vice-Chancellor. He has practically died of old age, and I know that he looked upon his departure from the cares and sorrows of this world as a release. He has left behind him a record of which not only his family, but the whole State may well be proud. I am sure the profession will be desirous of paying respect to his memory by attending the funeral, which will probably take place on Wednesday. The court will adjourn for the funeral to allow the members of the profession to attend." His Honor added that Dr. Barlow was a great personal friend of his.

Mr. H. T. Ward, who was conducting a case in court, said that as senior member of the bar who happened to be in court at the time he would like to say how sincerely his Honor's expressions of regret were shared by the members of the legal profession. He wanted to add that Dr. Barlow was much loved by the graduates and undergraduates of the University.

#### References in City Council.

When the Adelaide City Council met on Monday afternoon the Mayor (Mr. A. A. Simpson) said the State had sustained a big loss that morning through the death of Dr. William Barlow. He was a citizen of eminence and high character, and one whom they could ill afford to lose. Alderman Prosser, in moving that a letter of condolence be sent to the family said every member of the council could speak of the good work done by Dr. Barlow, particularly in regard to the University of Adelaide. Alderman Downs seconded the motion, which was carried.

### A Loss to the State.

The Premier and Minister of Education (Hon. Crawford Vaughan), in paying a tribute to the services rendered to education by Dr. Barlow, said:—"The Government feel that the State is much the poorer for the death of the late Vice-Chancellor of the University. His services on behalf of that institution are well known and appreciated by all who have taken an interest in education. He took a keen interest in the University, and helped to broaden the scope of its work and influence. He lived to see it grow from very small beginnings into the powerful institution for good it is to-day."

### Splendid Work for the University.

Mr. C. R. Hodge, registrar of the University, said he had been closely associated with Dr. Barlow for the last 30 years, and had come into especially close relations with him since his appointment as Vice-Chancellor. He was registrar from 1874 to 1882, a member of the council since 1882, and Vice-Chancellor since 1896. In November last he was re-elected for the sixth time in succession. Mr. Hodge said:—"It would be impossible to over-estimate the value of the assistance of such a man as Dr. Barlow, a graduate of an old University, rich in traditions and experience of value to a new University in a young country like South Australia. The help given by him in his capacity of registrar, followed by his long and faithful service as a member of the council and as Vice-Chancellor, helped in a great measure to mould and develop the University of Adelaide. He took a deep and abiding interest in all University matters, and since his retirement from the practice of the legal profession he spent a great deal of time in promoting the interests of the University. He was one of the most courteous and considerate and kindly gentlemen it has ever been my good fortune to serve. Every member of the University teaching and administrative staffs and every student held him in great respect and, I might say, affection. He always displayed a deep interest in the welfare of the students. He took a constant interest in the work of the schools, and in all matters affecting the work of the students. He displayed a great interest in the Elder Conservatorium of Music, and until his health failed he never missed being present at the concerts given by the institution. With his late wife, he was one of the most familiar figures at those musical evenings. His genial, kindly disposition endeared him to all, and he will be much missed. Privately and unostentatiously he has to my knowledge during many years frequently assisted students whose financial resources were embarrassed. He was one of those true gentlemen who made a practice of doing kindly acts without letting their left hand know what their right hand has done. I feel I have lost one whom it was my privilege to regard as a dear and personal friend, and one from whom on the occasion of the recent death of my father I received an affectionate and touching letter."

Professor Mitchell said no one could overstate the good influence of Dr. Barlow on the University. He had been acquainted with it throughout its existence. He knew its history and its regulations thoroughly. His death would be felt as a personal loss by every lecturer in the University.

Professor Ellis, when asked to make a statement concerning Dr. Barlow's interest in the Elder Conservatorium of Music, said he had always taken a special interest in the Conservatorium and in the concerts given in connection with it. He regularly attended the concerts, and he was universally loved by the teachers and the students.

### A Faithful Churchman.

Mr. F. G. Downs, whose acquaintance with him dates back for a good many years, said he had always had a great admiration for Dr. Barlow, who was of a particularly kindly disposition, and one of the most charitable men in North Adelaide. He was one of the best-known figures there, and one of the most widely respected men. Like his late wife, he was constantly assisting persons in dis-