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each side of it. The Mount Remarkable Creek, better known as Willochra, went past Melrose, and ran right round the Mount, to where it had its junction with Spring Creek. The land was good for grazing, cultivation, and horticultural purposes, and if the Government carried out the suggested water schemes a large portion of the lower land could be irrigated from the reservoirs. For many years the association reared from 2,000 to 3,000 Merino-Lincoln crossbred ewes, which were sold at a year and a half, and commanded the highest price obtained for that class of stock from any part of South Australia. About half the estate was hilly country to the south of Melrose, and on the eastern slopes of the Flinders Range. It produced splendid Merino wool, and during the drought of 1914 the land carried about one sheep to the acre without undue losses being sustained. The property had been worked in conjunction with Stuart's Creek, and formerly with Wirrialpa and Undoolya, in the MacDonnell Ranges, but the two last mentioned were sold about 10 years ago. The Willowie Association now had Stuart's Creek, which was west of Hergott, as its only property. About 40,000 sheep were shorn at Mount Remarkable prior to a large portion of the property being used for cultivation, and the number had gradually decreased on that account, until about 15,000 only were shorn last season, about a third of the animals being the Lincoln-Merino cross.

"It is a remarkably fine estate," Mr. Bakewell added, "and after 23 years' association with it as managing director I shall be sorry to part with it. There is no doubt it is suitable for closer settlement, especially if the Government carry out the scheme to provide water supplies in the creek at the back of Melrose and also in Spring Creek."

It has not been definitely settled when the Government will take possession.

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UNIVERSITY TERM, LECTURES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

MOUNT REMARKABLE ESTATE.

It is not certain yet on what date the Government will take over the Mount Remarkable Estate, which has been purchased for closer settlement at a cost of £142,000. Meanwhile, however, no time will be lost in getting the surveyors on the property. The Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. C. Goode) remarked on Thursday morning that this work would be put in hand almost immediately. He also intended to instruct the Director of Agriculture (Professor Perkins) and the Director of Irrigation (Mr. S. McIntosh) to visit the estate to ascertain what prospects there are for an irrigation scheme. It is a question whether the water from the creeks which run through the area may not be wanted for domestic purposes in connection with the development that will follow subdivision.

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Professor Jethro Brown, who was recently appointed President of the State Arbitration Court and chairman of the Prices Regulation and Foodstuffs Commission, took his seat for the first time as chairman of the Prices Regulation Commission at the meeting of that body on Friday.

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"THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER."

The Late Sir Samuel Way.

Clothed in all the solemn beauty of an ancient ritual, deeply moving in its moments of silence, as well as in tribute of oratory and music, the Lodge of Sorrow which was held in the Adelaide Town Hall on Thursday evening in honour of the late Grand Master (M.W. Sir Samuel Way) will always remain a privileged memory to the brethren who attended. It was a dignified and touching service, and such a tribute as shed lustre on these sad annals of the Grand Lodge. There was a strong and yet a tender impressiveness about the proceedings which charged the atmosphere with a fragrant, all-enveloping affection. The saddest event in the history of the Craft! So, in sincere and reverent phrase, the Pro Grand Master (M.W. Brother E. B. Grundy, K.C.) described the death of the distinguished head, and that sense of loss was felt by all the sorrowing brethren. A stirring spectacle was provided by the large assemblage of figures in the rich regalia of office and the imposing emblems around which they were grouped. There were few vacant seats in the building, and the attendance was most representative of metropolitan and country lodges. The setting alone was arresting in its proportions and character, and the ceremony was invested with that picturesqueness of pathos which was distinctively masonic. The Pro Grand Master presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Grand Master (K.W. Brother A. W. Piper, K.C.), the K.W. Brother W. L. Ware, P.D.G.M., the Grand Registrar (K.W. Brother T. C. Holland), the Grand Chaplain (V.W. Brother S. Lenton), the Grand Lecturer (V.W. Brother B. Benny), and the Grand Secretary (K.W. Brother C. R. J. Glover). The other officers were:—Senior Grand Warden (K.W. Brother A. T. Spate), Junior Grand Warden (K.W. Brother R. Evans) and the Grand Director of Ceremonies (V.W. Brother A. A. L. Rowley).

—An Historic Minute.—

The Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Pro Grand Master formally announced the death of Sir Samuel, "the saddest event in the history of the Craft in South Australia." He directed that an entry should be made in the minutes of the passing of "an illustrious and beloved Grand Master, and of the irreparable loss which the Craft has thereby sustained."

—Pro Grand Master's Address.—

A brief tribute of tender eloquence was then paid to the late Grand Master by the Pro Grand Master. It was most impressive in its intimate sympathy and touching simplicity of phrase. Brother Grundy, who spoke under a sense of personal emotion, said:—

"Our beloved Grand Master was buried with all the honours which a sorrowing people could bestow upon him. They recognised—as we do—that he was the first citizen of this State, not alone by virtue of the high offices which he held and adorned—but by reason of his great and commanding abilities, and his life's work for the good of his country. He will ever be remembered as a great and fearless Judge, a wise administrator, and the promoter—and in many cases the originator—of every movement which had for its object the good of mankind and the amelioration of suffering. But to-night we think of our beloved Grand Master as the head and ruler of the Craft, and we remember, with gratitude, that through many long years he has governed our Order with wisdom, with love, and with sympathy."

"We owe to his wise and prudent guidance the eminent position which the Order holds today in South Australia—a position recognised and respected by many who do not share with us the privilege of membership. His consummate tact smoothed away incipient differences, and so anticipated and destroyed their power for evil; while his never-failing sympathy won the hearts of all who have had the privilege of coming in contact with him. Great in his achievements, untiring in his devotion to duty, possessed of an energy the like of which we may never see again, and, above all, upheld by a supreme and dauntless courage, our illustrious and dearly loved Grand Master has passed from our midst, respected and beloved, leaving the example of his life and his work to stimulate and inspire the brethren of the Order which he loved and served so dearly and so well."

—An Impressive Phase.—

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung by the brethren. The canticles were recited, and the Pro Grand Master delivered a short address, chiefly of a Masonic character. At its conclusion the most solemn phase of the Lodge of Sorrow was entered upon. To the quiet strains of the organ the officers of the Grand Lodge marched around, and deposited, at a certain hallowed spot in the centre, emblems of immortality. The duties were performed with such beautiful precision and with such eloquently conveyed reverence that the whole assemblage was enchained in tender memory, and moved by the great spiritual significance of the ritual. There were further canticles, and the Grand Master's favourite hymn was rendered with appealing vigour and sympathy.

Give to the winds thy fears;
 Hope, and be undismayed;
 God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears,
 God shall lift up thy head.
 Through waves and clouds, and storms,
 He gently clears thy way:
 Wait thou His time, so shall this night
 Soar end in joyous day.

—The Oration.—

The Grand Lecturer (V.W. Brother B. Benny) delivered a cultured oration—it was an eloquent and illuminating analysis of the many public characteristics of Sir Samuel Way. "We mourn," he said in the course of his address, "our fallen head. The Master Builder is smitten. He who lately lived and laboured among us, he who some time sat on the highest throne in our temple, who ruled us with a wise and gentle sway, hath passed beyond the bounds of human life." We are yet too near his life and time to correctly appraise his rank in the Valhalla of the Immortals; but from the sense of sorrow and bereavement which his death has caused in our community we are well aware that a prince and a ruler has fallen in Israel. He was a great pro-consul of our Empire, a great jurist, a great citizen of the world, and a great ruler in our Order. During his tenure of viceregal office he steered the ship of State through dangerous seas and difficult waters, avoiding alike the rocks of Scylla on the one hand, and the whirlpool of Charybdis on the other. His tact and diplomacy made him the guide, philosopher, and friend of every succeeding State Governor. As a jurist he possessed the confidence alike of his Sovereign and of his fellow-citizens. His knowledge of law was colossal, his industry and learning phenomenal. He possessed, in a pre-eminent degree, the art of sifting and analysing evidence and arriving at the bedrock of fact. He was the High Priest of Justice in our State. He was one of the brightest stars in the judicial firmament of the British Empire. He held the scales of justice with equal poise. He was fearless, conscientious, and impartial in his judgments, neither yielding to the blandishments of the rich and great, nor listening to the clamour of the fickle multitude.

—His Happiest Hours.—

"He was a great citizen of the world. He was a patriot, a philanthropist, and a philosopher. He loved his country better than his life. He was pre-eminent in every good work, and foremost in every national need. The range of his friendships and his influence extended far beyond the borders of the British Empire. He loved all good and worthy men of whatever nationality, of whatever creed. He was a great ruler in our Order, and as such he was most intimately known to most of us here. He dearly loved and appreciated his privileges as a Freemason. He frequently said that his happiest hours were those spent among his Masonic brethren. We conferred upon him the highest honour it was in our power to bestow, and in honouring him we were well aware that he honoured us. For many years, year by year, we re-elected him to the proud position of Grand Master, and year by year your eloquent tongue, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, was hard put to it to express to him our love and appreciation of his great and noble services to the Craft. We all remember his modesty and gratitude in accepting that high honour, and I do not need to dwell on the rank and prestige he brought to his office, or the skill and ability with which he discharged his onerous duties. It was a fortunate thing for our Order that Sir Samuel Way was our first Grand Master. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the men

who formed and established our Grand Lodge. We shall never forget the debt we owe to the men who amalgamated the Provincial Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland into the Grand Lodge of South Australia. We will always hold in high esteem the names of Right Worshipful Brothers H. M. Addison, H. F. Downer, H. C. E. Muecke, and A. M. Simpson; but not the least happy of all their actions was the selection of Sir Samuel Way as the first Grand Master of the newly created Grand Lodge.

—More Permanent Than Bronze—

"They had many difficulties to surmount. Easily might the new Grand Lodge have languished in a position of semi-oblivion, ignored by the mother lodges and the Grand Lodges of the new world; but Sir Samuel Way, by his rank and influence, by his skill and diplomacy, by his tact and savoir faire, by his profound knowledge of men and affairs, was able to overcome all difficulties, and launch our Grand Lodge on a career of happiness and prosperity. We all know how well and wisely he ruled over us, ruling with an iron hand concealed within a velvet glove. His influence and fame spread far beyond the confines of our own Grand Lodge, and as a coping stone to his Masonic career, the late King Edward, of happy and glorious memory, the then Ruler and Protector of our Craft, conferred upon him honours causing the distinguished rank of Past Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of England. Surely we, without vainglorious boasting, without undue adulation, can say of our noble Grand Master that he reared up for himself in the esteem and affection of his brethren a monument more permanent than bronze, more lasting than the regal structure of the Pyramids."

—Motion of Sympathy.—

The oration was followed by other canticles, and after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was rendered, the choir, as in other instances, leading the singing. The patriarchal benediction was pronounced, and the Organist (Brother T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac.) played with skilful expression Chopin's "Marche funebre." A resolution, expressing the profound regret of the Craft at the death of their beloved Grand Master, and their sympathy with his relatives in their great loss was submitted by the Pro Grand Master as follows:—

"That we, the members of this Grand Lodge and of the Order, present in this special communication, on behalf of all Freemasons throughout South Australia, in reverent submission to the will of T.G.A.O.T.U., express our deep sorrow and sense of irreparable loss upon the death of our beloved Grand Master, the Right Honourable Sir Samuel James Way, Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of this State, and place on record our thankful and high appreciation of the great and generous services which for a long period he has rendered to the Craft in particular, as well as of those which with so catholic and public a spirit he has given to the State and people in general. And we offer our sincere sympathy to our late Grand Master's sister, Mrs. Allan Campbell, and to his other relatives in their great sorrow."

This was seconded by the Deputy Grand Master, and carried.

The proceedings, which closed with the National Anthem, extended over two hours, and were inspired by a sense of reverent affection for a Grand Master who, for 26 years, added this to many other distinguished offices which he filled with so much lustre and achievement.