

and in all the work he has undertaken—and his life has been full of efficient and well directed work—he has exemplified that guiding principle.

Sir Langdon has from the outset of his career lived up to the scriptural injunction: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." That is the explanation of the great results which have followed all his endeavours. If he accepts a position he does so always with the intention of doing the work attached to it.

After receiving an excellent education he became a journalist, because he felt an attraction and had displayed an aptitude for the profession. It was his good fortune to join the staff of "The Advertiser" within five or six years of its establishment, and when

in Adelaide—to shape and guide that thought. Very soon after he had come to be regarded as a senior on the staff Sir Langdon attained a position of great influence, and he was the virtual editor of the paper for years before he assumed the title. In 1879 he was admitted into partnership with the proprietors. Now for many years he has been the sole owner of "The Advertiser," and he has always retained supreme control of the paper, both commercially and editorially. The great progress it has made, the commanding position it has always held, and the influence it has consistently wielded in regard to public affairs, are entirely due to his wisdom, prudence and foresight. He is a born journalist, and he has

splendid institution, the South Australian School of Mines and Industries, of which he has been President for thirty years. He has given to it all the best of his ripe experience and trained judgment, guiding its destinies and enlarging the scope of its work with extraordinary care and ability. He has opened his purse on its behalf to the extent of many thousands of pounds in the direction of increasing its facilities and improving its equipment. Council, teachers, staff, and students alike recognise in him a proved friend, always ready to help in difficulties and to smooth the path of progress. Sir Langdon is an advocate of increased and perfected technical education in every direction. He was for five years chairman of the Council of the Roseworthy Agricultural College. Public School teachers look upon him as a discriminating champion. In the early days he was for years chairman of their union. He is a deputy chairman of the Advisory Council of Education, as well as a member of the Council of the University. The Knighthood which he received more than twenty years ago was a recognition of his excellent service in this branch of public work.

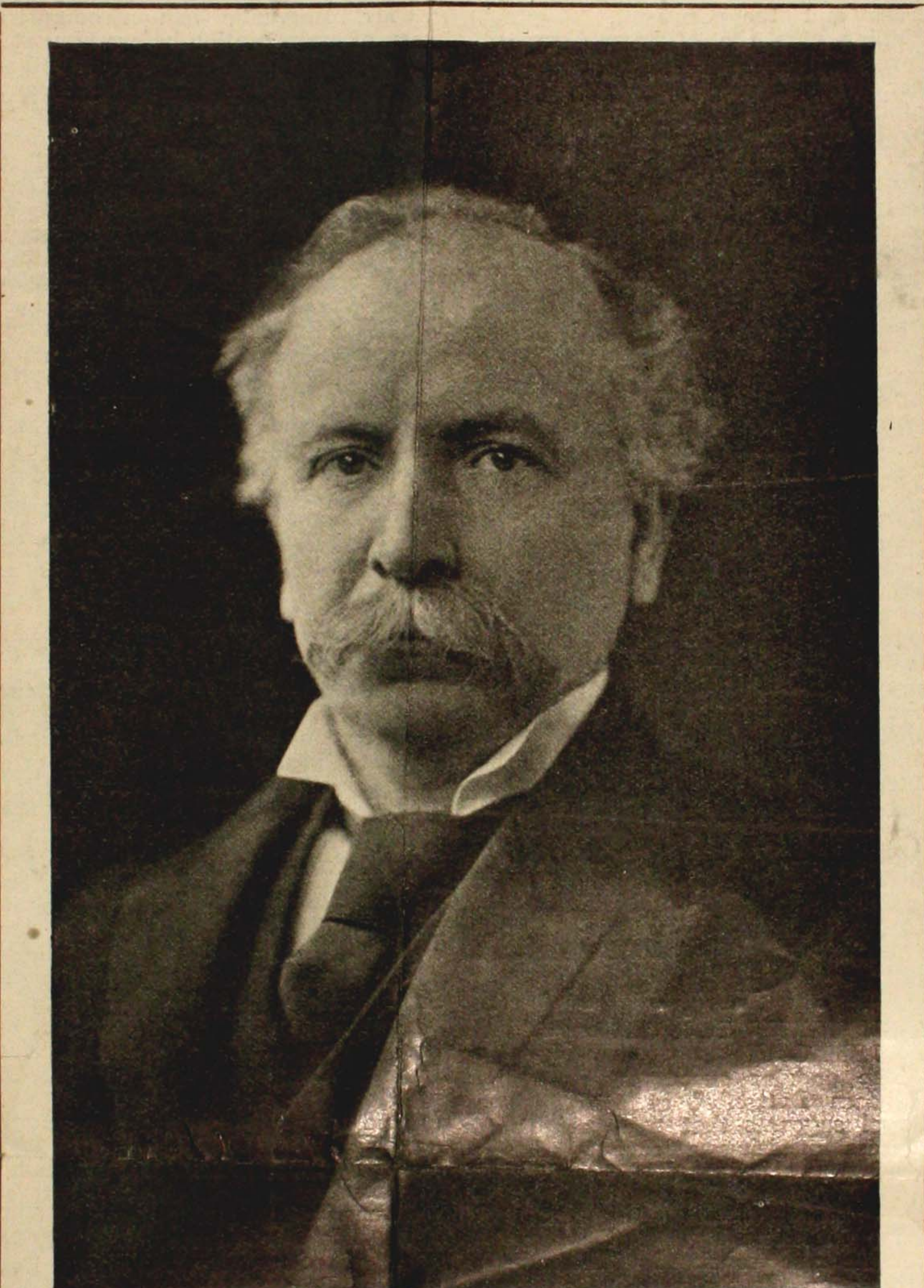
Sir Langdon has never sought popularity, but has always been inspired by a sense of duty. The confidence which he had inspired in the community was shown when, in 1901, in response to great pressure, he consented to stand for a seat in the first Federal Parliament, for he was returned second on the poll to the Right Hon. C. C. Kingston, the most powerful statesman South Australia has ever known, by the whole State voting as one constituency. Three years later he was elected unopposed for the District of Barker. Sir Langdon was highly esteemed by his brother legislators, with the chief of whom he was always on the most intimate terms. No one knew Mr. Deakin or Lord Forrest better than he did. He has a genial nature which attracts and retains friendships, while his sound commonsense is proverbial. In 1916 the Federal Parliament appointed him one of fourteen trustees to administer the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund, and he was appointed one of seven commissioners under the amending Act of 1917. He regularly travels once a fortnight, if not more often, to Melbourne, to attend the meetings of the commission. No wonder the King made him, last June, a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, "for services rendered to the Commonwealth of Australia."

Sir Langdon is a generous supporter of all deserving objects, and he has repeatedly headed subscription lists with very substantial gifts. His generosity was specially noticeable in connection with the various War Funds. He is a true patriot and in every respect a model citizen. He always crowds his days with useful work and has no idle moments. He is an insatiable reader, and always keeps himself abreast of the times in regard to the literature which is worth while. Yet he is the most accessible of men and he is full of cheery good nature. He is a living testimony to the fact that hard work is conducive both to physical and intellectual vigor. He loves his home, his country and his fellow men, and he is to the inmost core of his being an optimistic Britisher. Life is full of pleasure to him and he has always endeavoured conscientiously and assiduously to make it pleasant to others and to render himself of use and value to all.

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The Hon. Sir Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G., who to-day (Oct. 15th) completes his seventy-first year, is one of the best known, one of the most highly respected and one of the most successful men in Australia. He is descended from a very ancient Cornish family whose beautiful ancestral estates, Carlew and Bonython, are among the most delightful and interesting homes in the Delectable Duchy. Sir Langdon not only looks an aristocrat, but he has all the personal charm which belongs to one. He was born in London, and all but a few years of his long and useful life have been spent in this State, but he is a devoted son of Cornubia, with whose history he is more thoroughly acquainted probably than anyone else in Australia. He is a Vice-President of the Royal Institution of Cornwall and also of the Devon and Cornwall Record Society; and his library of Cornish historical books is the best on this side of the world. During the two long tours he made of Europe, Sir Langdon spent a very large proportion of his time in Cornwall, and he made himself acquainted with all its alluring features. He is nearly as well-known in Cornwall as he is here. There, he includes amongst his intimate friends members of all the old families. He was a founder and for many years President of the local Cornish Association, and his talks on the attractions and the traditions of the land of his fathers have always been as popular as they have been enlightening. "Thorough," is Sir Langdon's motto.



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it was still controlled by the founder, the Hon. J. H. Barrow, of whom he always speaks in terms of the highest admiration. He at once proved his ability and his enthusiasm. He threw himself into the performance of his duties with abounding energy, and he exhibited a readiness to do everything and anything which was required of him, and often much more, for he was determined to "make good." He was a keen news-gatherer, and he always seized the salient features of the matter which he had to report or describe.

He was in the "Hansard" gallery at the old Parliament House in days long before those of any living politician. With the possible exception of the Hon. H. B. T. Strangways (now resident in Somersetshire) he is the only person now living who heard the famous parliamentary speech delivered by Adam Lindsay Gordon, which was practically the only contribution of the poet to the political progress of the State.

Sir Langdon, however, did more than report speeches. He gained a clear insight into politics, and a close acquaintance with the characters and aspirations of the leaders of public thought in this State, until the time arrived when it was his province—as editor of the most influential journal

the very valuable faculty of seeing and appreciating good work in others. The policy of "The Advertiser" has always been its own, and it has been framed and developed in the interest of the State and the Commonwealth as a whole, and not to suit any political party or exigency.

Few can tell a story as well as Sir Langdon can, and fewer still have as many stories to tell. He has a remarkable memory, and having all his life felt the keenest interest in literature and history he is a most entertaining talker. His personal reminiscences of the men with whom he has been associated are truly fascinating. He is also a good speaker, and a trenchant writer. He has always had an exact and comprehensive knowledge of affairs. He has an abhorrence of inaccuracy. He is broad-minded and generous, and his desire has always been to be helpful not only to the community, but to individuals. Many persons could tell of acts of kindness, or words of encouragement, of valuable and disinterested advice on his part. In the cause of education, Sir Langdon has done great things for South Australia. He was for nearly twenty years chairman of the Adelaide School Board when it possessed important powers; and he had much to do with the founding of that