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WHAT THEY DO.

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NOTABLE AUSTRALIANS.

ABBOTT, William Edward, President of the Pastoralists' Union of New South Wales since 1895, member of the Executive of the Union since 1890, and has been frequently President of the Federal Council of the Pastoralists' Association of Aust.; *b.* Muswellbrook, Hunter River, N.S.W., Apr. 1, 1844, and 2nd s. of the late John Kingsmill Abbott. He has been engaged in pastoral pursuits on the Upper Hunter since 1860, and was M.L.A. for the Upper Hunter 1889-91. He has been a member of the Royal Society of N.S.W. since 1877, won the Society's bronze medal in 1884, and has written several papers read before the Royal Society and numerous contributions to the Press on pastoral and financial questions. Unmarried. *Address*—Murrumbidgee, Wingen, N.S.W.

A'BECKETT, Hon. Thomas, Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria since 1896; *b.* London, Aug. 31, 1836, s. of the late Hon. T. T. A'Beckett, M.L.O. of Vic. Arrived in Aust. in 1850, won studentship of Inns of Court in 1859, called to bar Lincoln's Inn 1859 and Victn. bar 1860, member of Council of University of Melbourne since 1887. *m.* 1876, Isabella d. of the late Sir Archibald Michie, K.C.M.G., Q.C. *Club*—Melbourne. *Address*—Korbarook, Orrong Rd., Armadale, Melbourne.

ABRAHAMS, Rev. Joseph, Ph.D., Senior Minister of Melbourne Hebrew Congregation and President of Victn. Beth Din (Jewish Ecclesiastical Court); *b.* London, Apr. 1, 1855, s. of Rev. Barnett Abrahams B.A., Dayan (Ecclesiastical Judge) of the Spanish and Portuguese Hebrew Congregations, London. *ed.* Jews' Coll. and Univ. Coll., London, Hebrew Seminary, Berlin, and Berlin Univ. (B.A. London 1876, Ph.D. Leipsic 1881, Rabbinical Diploma of Berlin Seminary 1882, M.A. Melb. 1886). Arrived in Aust. Aug. 1883, member of Hospital Sunday Coms. since 1884, and of Comte. of Patriotic Fund, President of United Jewish Education Board 1896-1901. Wrote *The Sources of the Midrash Echan Rabah* (a critical investigation). *m.* Apr. 18, 1886, Rachel, s. d. of Rabbi A. B. Davis, late Chief Minister of N.S.W. *Recreations*—Cycling, Sandow's dumbbells, rowing, walking, reading to keep abreast of the literature of the day. *Address*—Albert St., E. Melbourne.

ADAMS, Joseph Robert George, Principal Librarian and Secretary and Principal Officer of Examinations, Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of South Australia since May, 1904; *b.* Melbourne, May 17, 1859, s. of late Joseph Adams, Hawthorn, Vic., *ed.*

Scotch Coll. Melb. Asst. Librarian S.A. Institute 1879, Asst. Librarian of Public Library 1884, Librarian 1896, Secretary of S.A. branch of Library Assn. of Asia since 1897, and of Regional Bureau for S.A. International Catalogue of Scientific Literature since 1901. Edited Proceedings of Library Assn. of Aust. for 1900. *m.* Alice Mary, d. of Robert Downing, Melb. *Recreations*—Angling, walking, gardening. *Address*—Public Library, Adelaide.

ADAMSON, Lawrence Arthur, M.A. (Melb.), B.A. (Oxon.), F.R.G.S., Headmaster of Wesley College, Melbourne, since 1902; *b.* Douglas, Isle of Man, Apr. 20, 1860, 2nd s. of Lawrence William Adamson, LL.D., J.P., of Linden Hall, Northumberland, and Eslington Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1900 and is Deputy Lieutenant for the same County, *ed.* Rugby School and Oxford University, and called to the bar at the Inner Temple in 1885. He arrived in Aust. in 1886, was admitted to the Victorian bar in 1887, Assistant Master of Wesley College, Melbourne, 1887-97, and Headmaster of University High School 1898-1901. He is a Fellow of Queen's College, University of Melbourne, and a member of the Board of Public Examinations and of the Extension Board, University of Melbourne. He was President of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association 1902-4, and appointed Chairman of the Australian Board of Control of International Cricket in 1905. Unmarried. *Clubs*—Junior Carlton, London; University, at Melb. *Address*—Wesley College, Melbourne.

ADDISON, John George, Chief Manager of the National Bank of Australasia, Ltd.: head office, Collins St., Melbourne.

ADELAIDE, Archbishop of; See O'Reilly, Most Rev. John.

ADELAIDE, Bishop of; this see is vacant.

AIREY, Henry Park, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col., late of R.A.A. New South Wales, retired 1902; *b.* Aug. 3, 1844, s. of Capt. H. C. Airey of Kingthorpe Hall, Yorkshire, *ed.* Marlborough and Royal Military Coll. Addiscombe. Served N.W. Frontier of India. Arrived in Aust. 1866, joined N.S.W. Artillery 1878, served with Sudan Expedition 1885 (medal and clasp, Khedive Star), in Burma 1886-7 (severely wounded, despatches, thanked by Governor-General of India, medal with clasp, D.S.O.), and in S. African war 1899-1901 (commanded 1st Regt. Austr. Bushmen, despatches, medal with four clasps). C.M.G. 1900.

LOWRIE, William, Professor of Agriculture at Canterbury (N.Z.) Agricultural College. He was brought up on a farm at St. Boswells, Roxburgshire, Scotland, and was ed. Edinburgh University (M.A. and B.Sc. with Honours). He was sometime Lecturer in Natural Science and Agriculture at Gordon's College Aberdeen, and Professor of Agriculture and Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia from 1887 until he resigned to proceed to N.Z. in 1901.

LUCAS, Arthur Henry Shakespeare, M.A., B.Sc., scientist and author, Acting Headmaster of Sydney Grammar School since Dec. 1904; b. Stratford-on-Avon, May 7, 1853, s. of the Rev. Samuel Lucas, F.G.S., ed. New Kingswood Sch. Bath, Conference Scholarship; Balliol College Oxford, Exhibitioner; Bardett Coultis Geological Scholar Univ. of Oxford; Exhibitioner London Univ., Gold Medallist Botany Apothecaries' Hall; Senior Science Scholar and Certificate in Anatomy the London Hospital; M.A. Oxford and Melb., B.Sc. Lond. Head Science Master at Leys School Cambridge. Arrived in Aust. Feb. 1883. Has been Head Mathematical and Science Master Wesley College Melbourne, Tutor and Lecturer in Natural Science at Trinity, Ormond, and Queen's Colleges Univ. of Melbourne, Senior Fellow and Acting Master of Queen's Coll., Headmaster of Newington Coll. Sydney, Head Mathematical and Science Master Sydney Grammar School, Lecturer in Physiology Univ. of Sydney, and President of Teachers' Assn. of N.S.W. 1898. Member of Council of Royal Society of Vic. and of Linnean Soc. of N.S.W. Joint author of a work on Botany, and is now engaged with Dudley Le Souef in writing *The Animals of Australia*. Is author of scientific papers in *The Geological Magazine*, *Proceedings of the Royal Soc. of Vic.*, *Linnean Soc. of N.S.W.*, *A. Assn. Advt. Science*, and *Transactions of the New Zealand Institute*. m. 1882, Charlotte Christmas, of Hinton, Cambridgeshire; four daughters and one son. *Recreation*—Gardening, especially cultivation of native plants.

LYLE, Thomas Ranken, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Melbourne since 1889; b. Coleraine, Ireland, Aug. 26, 1860, s. of Hugh Lyle, ed. Coleraine Academical Instn. and Dublin Univ. (First Science Scholarship 1881, First Senior Moderatorship with Large gold medal in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, and First Senior Moderatorship with Large gold medal in Experimental Physics and Chemistry, and for these was awarded in 1888 the University Science Studentship value £100 a year for seven years, McCullough Prize 1884, M.A. 1887, Madden Prize 1888). Lecturer in Mathematics at the Catholic University Coll. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Represented the Irish Board of Lights at the experiments on lighthouse illuminants, &c., conducted for the British Govt. by the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House at the South Foreland. Has written numerous original scientific memoirs, and reported to the Govt. of Victoria in 1900 on Technical Schools and methods of technical instruction in the British Isles and America. m. Dec. 1892, Clare, d. of late

Thomas Millear. Played in the Irish International Rugby Football Team in 1884-6, and was Manager of a Gentlemen of Ireland cricket team that visited Canada and U.S.A. in 1888. *Club*—Melbourne. Address—Lisbuoy, Toorak, Melbourne.

LYNE, Hon. Carmichael, M.H.A. of Tasmania, pastoralist; b. Apalawn, Glamorgan, Tas., July 30, 1861, s. of John Lyne, sometime M.H.A. for Glamorgan, ed. Horton Coll. Roas, Tas. M.H.A. for Ringarooma since 1900, and Minister for Lands and Works in Proposing Govt. 1903-4. Was formerly Chairman of the Court of General and Quarter Sessions for Glamorgan. m. Oct. 1886, Alice, d. of J. H. B. Welch, of Welch Bros., Hobart. *Recreations*—Reading, cricket, travelling. *Clubs*—Northern, Launceston. Address—Sibbury Estate, Launceston.

LYNE, Hon. Sir William John, K.O.M.G., M.P. for Hume (N.S.W.) since 1901, Minister of Trade and Customs since July 1905; b. Apslaw, Great Swanport Tasmania, Apr. 6, 1844, c. s. of John Lyne, some years M.H.A. Went to Queensland in 1864, and travelling overland to the Gulf of Carpentaria was a pioneer settler in that district. Towards the close of 1865 he returned to Tas, and was Council Clerk at Glamorgan for ten years, and afterwards took up pastoral lands nr. Cumberoona on the River Murray. Was M.L.A. for the Hume 1880-1901, Secretary for Public Works in Dibbs Ministry 1886, in Jennings Ministry 1886-7, and in Dibbs Govt. 1891-4, Secretary for Lands in Dibbs Ministry 1889, Leader of the Opposition 1895-9, Premier and Colonial Treasurer Sept. 1889-Mar. 1901. Was member of the Convention which framed the Commonwealth Constitution 1897-8. As Premier of N.S.W. it fell to his lot to superintend the arrangements for the inauguration of the Commonwealth. He was commissioned by the first Governor-General Lord Hopetoun to form the first Federal Ministry, and on his advice His Excellency sent for Sir Edmund Barton to undertake the task. Elected to the first House of Representatives for the Hume Mar. 1901, and re-elected 1903. Was Minister for Home Affairs in the first Commonwealth Cabinet 1901-3, Acting Minister for Defence 1902, and Minister for Trade and Customs 1903-4. K.C.M.G. 1903. Is a widower. Address—Warrigal Club, Macquarie St., Sydney.

McARTHUR, J. Percy, President of Sydney Chamber of Commerce since July 1905, Resident Director of W. & A. McArthur Ltd., merchants, Sydney and London; b. Sydney, 1858, s. of Alexander McArthur, founder of A. McArthur & Co., and ed. Leys School England. He left Australia when quite young, returned to Aust. and New Zealand about 1886, and has practically resided in the colonies since; he is now permanently settled in Sydney. He is a Director of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Honorary Treasurer of the Women's Hospital, and Vice-President of the Y.M.C.A. He was awarded the silver medal of the Shipwrecked Relief and Royal Humane Society for having attempted to save life from drowning. m. Miss Addison, of Yeovil, Eng. *Recreation*—

1904 a prize for research work in biology, chemistry, geology, and natural philosophy. *m.* 1801, Miss Annabella Johnson; five sons, two daughters. *Address*—Blythwood, Kew.

SYME, George Adlington, M.B., M.S. Melb., F.R.C.S. Eng., surgeon; *b.* Nottingham, Eng., July 13, 1859, *s.* of the late George Alexander Syme, M.A., who was for many years associated with his brother David (q.v.) in the literary department of the Age and Leader newspapers, *ed.* Wesley Coll. and Melb. Univ. (M.B. 1881 with 1st class Honours and Scholarship for Surgery, Medicine, and Forensic Medicine, M.S. 1888) Was Resident Medical Officer at Melb. Hospital 1882-3. Entered at King's Coll. Lond. in 1884, and obtained diplomas of M.R.C.S. and F.R.C.S. Eng., and was Clinical Assistant at Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, and Seho Hospital Lond. Upon his return to Vic. in 1887 he was appointed Demonstrator and Examiner in Anatomy at Melb. Univ., was Pathologist to the Women's Hospital, Editor of Australian Medical Journal, and Hon. Surgeon to Out-Patients Melb. Hospital 1887-1903. During 1888-9 was Secretary to the Royal Commission on the Sanitary Condition of Melb. Has been Surgeon to the Police Force since 1889, Consulting Surgeon to Melb. Dental Hospital since 1891 and to Queen Victoria Hospital since 1889, Hon. Surgeon to St. Vincent's Hospital since 1893, Hon. Surgeon to In-Patients Melb. Hospital since 1903, and Lecturer on Anatomy and member of Faculty of Medicine Melb. Univ. 1900-4. Has been Pres. of Victn. branch of Brit. Medical Assn., of Melb. Medical Assn., and of Medical Defence Assn., and Secretary for Vic., Vice-Pres., and Pres. of sections Austn. Medical Congress. *Author* of numerous contributions to medical literature, and published lectures and addresses. *m.* May 10, 1899, Mabel, *d.* of the late W. Berry, of N.Z. *Club*—Melbourne. *Address*—19 Collins St., Melbourne.

SYMON, Hon. Sir Josiah Henry, K.C.M.G., K.C., Attorney-General of the Commonwealth Aug. 1904-July 1905; Senior Senator for South Australia; *b.* Wick, Scotland. Sept. 27, 1846, *s.* of the late James Symon, of Albert Place, Stirling, N.B., *ed.* Allan's Sch., High Sch. Stirling, and Moray House Training Coll. Edinburgh. Arrived in South Australia Sept. 15, 1866. Called to S.A. bar Nov. 26, 1871, Q.C. 1881, and was M.H.A. for Sturt 1881-7, and Attorney-General in Morgan Ministry 1881. Took a prominent part in the movement for Australasian federal union, was President of the Federation League and the Commonwealth League in S.A., member of the National Convention which framed the Commonwealth Constitution 1897-8 and Chairman of the Judiciary Comtee. of that Convention. Was returned at the head of the poll in his State at the first elections for the Commonwealth Senate in Mar. 1901, and was the first appointed Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. He held office as Attorney-General in the Reid-McLean Ministry 1904-5. Is an hon. member of Cobden Club and hon. mem-

ber of Anglo-Saxon Club. Has been engaged as counsel in numerous important Australian lawsuits. Was for some years a member of the Council of the Adelaide Univ. and President of the S.A. Law Society. Contributed extensively to magazines and the press generally, and published numerous lectures and addresses. Owns Auldana Vineyards near Adelaide and an estate at Upper Sturt. Cr. K.O.M.G. in 1901 in recognition of services to Australian union. *m.* Dec. 8, 1881, Mary Eleanor, *d.* of C. T. Cowle, formerly manager E.S. & A.C. Bank. *Recreations*—Literary, farming, and riding. *Club*—Adelaide. *Address*—Adelaide, and Upper Sturt.

TAIT, Thomas, Chairman of Railways Commissioners Victoria since 1903; *b.* Melbourne, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, July 24, 1864, *s.* of Sir Melbourne Tait, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, Montreal, *ed.* High Sch., and McGill Univ. Montreal. Occupied various positions in the service of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Railway Cos., including Manager of Transportation and Assistant General Manager of the latter Co. Arrived in Vic. to assume his present office in May 1908. *m.* Dec. 10, 1899, Emily St. Aubert Cockburn of Toronto, Canada. *Recreations*—Golf, tennis, billiards, chess. *Clubs*—Melbourne; St. James and Mount Royal, Montreal; Toronto; Royal Montreal Golf, and Royal Melbourne Golf. *Address*—Orwell, Robe St., St. Kilda.

TARLTON, Robert Alfred; *b.* Birmingham, Apr. 21, 1828, *ed.* King Edward VI. Gram. Sch., for several years in the banking house of Barclay, Bevan, Tritton & Co. Lombard St. London, and afterwards student of New College London. He arrived in Aust. in 1858, and shortly afterwards joined the firm of G. & R. Wills & Co. from which he retired in 1869. He was M.L.C. of S. Australia 1873-88. Was a promoter of the Bank of Adelaide and of the Commercial Bank of South Australia, of which he was Chairman of Directors. Went to S. Africa in 1893, and has since resided at Johannesburg, where before the Boer war he became Chairman of the Australian Association, and for his services was thanked on behalf of the British Government. In conjunction with George Wills and O. Rischbieth he owned and developed Coralbigne and Mount Nor-west stations in South Australia. *Address*—Auckland Park, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

TASMANIA, Bishop of; see Mercet, Rt. Rev. John Edward.

TATE, Frank, I.S.O., M.A., Director of Education Victoria since Apr. 1902; *b.* Castlemaine, Vic. June 13, 1863, *s.* of Henry Tate, *ed.* Model Sch. Melb., trained in the teaching service of Victn. Education Dept., and M.A. Melb. Univ. Was in every grade of the Victn. Education Service from pupil teacher and through the Training College, afterwards successively Lecturer in Training College, Inspector of Schools, and Principal of Training College. *Decorated* in 1908. *m.* 1888. *Recreation*—Golf. *Address*—Kelso, Cotham Rd., Kew, Vic.

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NOTABLE AUSTRALIANS who have died since January 1, 1901, the date of the foundation of the Commonwealth, showing the years of their birth and death.

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ABBOTT, Hon. Sir Joseph Palmer, K.C.M.G. (cr. 1892), born at Muswellbrook, N.S.W., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales 1890-1900, and Member of the Federal Conventions of 1891 and 1897-8	1842	1901
ADAMS, Philip Francis , born in Suffolk, England, settled in New South Wales in 1854, and was for twenty years Surveyor-General of the colony	1828	1901
AGNEW, Hon. Sir James Wilson, K.C.M.G. (cr. 1895), M.D., Premier of Tasmania 1886-7	1815	1901
ANGAS, John Howard , pioneer, pastoralist, politician and philanthropist, born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and settled in South Australia in 1843; son of George Fife Angas, one of the founders of the Province	1823	1904
ARCHER, Archibald , born in Fife, Scotland, pioneer pastoralist of Rockhampton district, Queensland, for many years member of the Legislative Assembly, and Treasurer of Queensland 1882-3.	1820	1902
ARCHER, Thomas, C.M.G. , pioneer pastoralist of Queensland and sometime Agent-General for the Colony	1823	1905
BARTON, George Burnett , barrister, historian, and litterateur, sometime Editor of the <i>New Zealand Jurist</i> , author of "Literature of New South Wales" (1866), "Poets and Prose Writers of New South Wales," and first Editor of the official History of the Colony	1836	1901
BENJAMIN, Sir Benjamin, Knt. (cr. 1889), born in London, arrived in Victoria in 1843, Mayor of Melbourne 1887-9, and sometime M.L.C.	1834	1905
BERRY, Hon. Sir Graham, K.C.M.G. , (cr. 1886), born at Twickenham, England, arrived in Victoria in 1852, Premier of the colony 1875, 1877-80, and 1880-1, Chief Secretary 1883-6, Agent-General 1886-91, Treasurer 1892-3, Speaker 1894-7 and Member of Federal Convention 1897-8	1822	1904
BOOTHBY, Guy Newell , born at Adelaide, novelist; wrote nearly all his works in England	1867	1905
BOOTHBY, William Robinson, C.M.G. (cr. 1893), B.A., born in England, arrived in South Australia in 1853, author of the Ballot Act providing for voting with a cross within a square, and about fifty years Sheriff of the Province	1829	1903
BRADDON, Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry, P.C. , (1897) K.C.M.G., (1891) LL.D., born in England, settled in Tasmania in 1878, Premier of the colony 1894-9, sometime Agent General in England, Member of the Federal Convention 1897-8, and sat in the House of Representatives in the first Commonwealth Parliament	1829	1904

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