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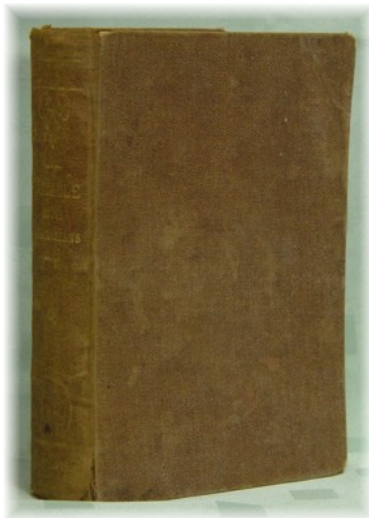
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*One by one the pioneers of South Australia pass away, and a few years hence there will be none remaining. Surely, then, some record of those who in their lives were instrumental in forwarding the interests of this Colony is commendable!*

*As the biographies herein reached the author at irregular intervals, it was found impossible to attempt any alphabetical classification, and an index has been inserted to supply this defect.*

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ADELAIDE, September, 1885.



**Dr. John Michael Gunson, K.G.G.,**

**D**IED at his residence, Kensington Park, near Adelaide, May 3, 1884. Born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1825, and received the elementary portion of his education at a private school in that city. Subsequently entered the medical schools of Paris and London, and afterwards qualified himself in the latter city for member of the Royal College of Surgeons. Later on he obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1852 Dr. Gunson came to South Australia, and entered into practice, and by attention to his professional duties was very successful. In 1866 he paid a visit to England, where he was married. The late Dr. Butler carried on his practice in his absence, and after spending a short holiday in the land of his birth Dr. Gunson returned to this colony, and re-entered upon his professional labours. In 1879, he disposed of his connection and took up his residence at the Acacias, Kensington, which he had erected prior to his retiring from practice. After a short time he determined to once more visit Europe, and accordingly disposed of the Acacias, and went with his wife and family to England. He was absent from the colony for two years, most of the time being spent on the Continent. During that period His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. conferred upon Dr. Gunson the order of Knight of St. Gregory the Great, but his installation did not take place till his return to the colony, when the ceremony was performed in the Catholic Cathedral by his Lordship Bishop Reynolds. Dr. Gunson was an accomplished linguist, a member of the senate of the University of Adelaide, and on numerous occasions conducted the French examinations at the University. He may be considered our leading Catholic colonist, as he always identified himself with any movement connected with that body. He was president of the Catholic Young Men's Society, and when the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society was organised, generously attended, free of charge, as lodge



JOHN STOKES BAGSHAW.

### John Martin

**I**S a native of Surrey, England, where he was born in 1799. Came to South Australia by the ship "Anna Robinson," in September, 1839. Landed at the Old Port and took up his residence in Gilles-street, as landlord of the "Berresford Arms" Inn. Leaving this after seven years, he went to Sturt-street, and carried on the business of a general grocer for thirty-six years, and in 1882 retired into private life. Mr. Martin is now 86 years of age and resides in Norwood.

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### John Davis,

**E**XPLORER, died at Payneham, S. A., June 16, 1885, aged 56 years. He came to this colony from India, where he was in affluent circumstances, and accompanied McKinlay in his expedition across the continent. The details of that trip have been handed down to posterity in an interesting book written by him, which faithfully portrayed the character of the country passed over. In McKinlay's party Mr. Davis had charge of the camels, his previous experience with the "Ship of the Desert" in India admirably fitting him for the post. At the time of his decease he was connected with the Civil Service. He left a widow and three daughters.

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### Charles Bonney.

**T**HIS venerable South Australian pioneer arrived in Sydney, N.S. Wales, in 1834, to occupy a Government appointment. In 1836 he went into the country, where his first bush experience was an attempt to find a route for stock from the Murray to the new settlement of Port Phillip. In consequence of the flooded state of the rivers he was compelled to return, but went out in December in the same year, and safely reached his destination early in 1837. In the following March he took the first sheep, (a mob of 10,000)

spere, Milton, Dryden, Goldsmith, and others long since departed :—

“ In those bright halls no harp was strung  
To sweeter notes than those which rung  
To Shelley’s wierd majestic tongue ;  
The joyous sound  
Was like the strains Prometheus sung  
When first unbound.”

The poem is altogether above the common run of metaphor, and well worthy perusal. “The Poet’s Ambrosia,” is an elegant piece of word-painting, as will be seen by this :—

“ His ideal joy of all created things  
Is lovely woman, beautiful, serene ;  
Her eyes the fount of intellectual springs ;  
Her face the impress of the great Unseen ;  
Her voice the echo of an angel’s hymn ;  
Her smile a gleam of sunshine’s rippling light ;  
Her footfall like a seraph journeying ;  
All seem a dream of heaven to his enraptured sight.”

John Howell is a native of Bath, Somerset, where he was born July 4, 1832. He was educated at a Grammar School in Bristol, in the immediate vicinity of a large shipping industry. At the age of 14 he entered the Navy as naval apprentice, and served on board H.M.S. “Ganges,” 84 guns, in the Mediterranean, and afterwards in H.M.S. “Rodney,” 92 guns, attached to the Channel Squadron. Quitted the Navy at the expiration of his indentures, and joined the Merchant Service as second officer, trading between Bristol and the African gold coast, and Liverpool and Savannah, U.S. Was cast away in the barque “Ellen,” of Liverpool, in the Bay of Biscay, and rescued and taken to Liverpool. Afterwards sailed thence to Sydney, N. S. Wales, arriving there in 1854. Traded between that port and Newcastle, and was cast away on The Nobbys. Rescued and returned to Sydney,

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