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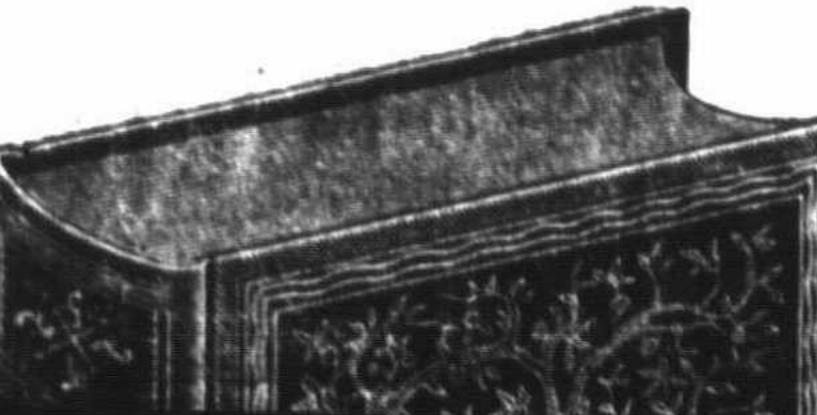
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A Desc iption of the Bare- spence System-Proportional Representation a Partiamentary Question in Australia.

ARTICLE NO. 4. Having pointed out the evils resulting from present electoral merepresentation as the remedy, I shall now proceed to describe the Haresystem proportional voting. A strong present interest is given to this system from the fact that it was before both houses the South Australian parliament the date of recent letters that I have ever written, such as "The Rev. John received from Miss Catharine, Helen Creedy" and other sketches, in Spence, of Adelaide, whose name is "Strange Stories," was one mon-

Hare in the title of the system. | when to his numerous tales and Mr. Hare was an English chan-cery lawyer, and he originally pro-popular, we add poetry, and to posed the plan, intending it to ap- poetry biography, and to biography ply to the whole of England as one history, and to history aesthetics. great constituency. Miss Spence and to aesthetcis philosophy, and to adopts the details of Mr. Hare's philosophy a theory of physics, and plan, but proposes that it be ap- when we find that this manifold plied in districts of moderate size, activity was crowned by devotion to returning from six to ten members. | natural science, of which his many

GENERAL FEATURES. secure full proportional representa-

tion are as follows: First-The large districts, which may be found by grouping together Versatility, indeed, marked Crant several of the present one-member constituencies. I shall use a sevenmember district as our illustration, ther's Greek testament, and yet, as although nine or ten members to a a child, he was ever the foremost to district would be even better. In discover the harbingers of spring in 7 cities and towns, the wards should the flowers, birds and animals of be abolished and the councillors or forest and field. While he was yet a aldermen elected at large. This lad his drawing-master prophesied would in many cases enable the num- for him fame as an artist, and wept ber of councillors to be reduced; or, when he was taken away to prein the case of a city, the aldermen pare for the university. Entering might serve a two-years' term, half | Merton college he won a pastmasterretiring each year, which would ship for unusual excellence in Greek make the ballot more compact with and Latin, yet his chief delight was fewer names, at the annual election. I in the field of natural science and only one vote, which would finally day. After leaving Oxford he was count, although he might mark sev- appointed professor of mental philso-

rangement by which, when a candi- cipal. Though a very successful date has too many votes, his sur- teacher, his ambition carried him plus votes should count for the bene- into another sphere, and as soon as fit of some other candidate holding | the London journals began to accept ! similar views. Also when the votes his articles, he took the final plunge for any candidate are so few that he into the sea of literary life as a cannot be elected, then some other journalist and war correspondent. like-minded candidate, who, needs Later, when his fame was well esthese votes, should get the benefit of tablished, he became a public lec-

THE HARE-SPENCE SYSTEM.

it slowly: er of your choice, with the fig- yam club in London: s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. The man om you like best you mark No. 1. so on in rotation. If your vote s to help the candidate of your choice to be elected, then it s not count for anybody else. if the candidate whom you have rked No. 1-your first choiceenough votes without yours, or so few votes that he cannot be cted, then your vote goes to the n whom you have marked No. 2. your No. 2 does not need or canuse your vote, then it is passed to No. 3, and so forth.

COUNTING THE VOTES.

counting the votes, the first es, according to the first choice No. 1 votes, paying no attention the present to the other figures the ballots. While this is being he two tally clerks are keeping y of the votes. When the total mber of votes is thus ascertained is divided by seven, which is the mber of members to be elected. is gives the "quota," or number votes required to elect any one n. For instance, when seven mbers are to be elected and fourthousand votes have been cast "quota" will be two thousand, ta is declared elected. If he has re than a quota, his surplus balare transferred to such of the No. 2 on the ballots so transfer-If the candidate marked No. any of these ballots has already elected then the ballots go on ots are taken from the top of

pile, which has previously been roughly mixed. iber of members required have tas of first-choice votes; so we nselves, each on his own ballot. process is repeated until seven | into everything he undertook. ome the nearest to it.

polling places, so that they tained.

e Hare system has been used great success in many actual AN EMINENT CANADIAN.

of November 15th contains the following character sketch written by a gentleman who knew him most intimately, and in a position to speak with authority of the deceased writer:

On October 25th, in his beautiful Surrey home, "The Croft," after many weeks of suffering, there pass-Cotter Morrison once described as "the most versatile man in Eng-

appreciate this statement. A who could thrill his readers some of the cleverest bits of fiction associated with that of Thomas strari digito praetereuntium, b delightful works on evolution in The general features required to plant and animal life are the fruit, we begin to appreciate the fact that Cotter Morrison's tribute was no mere after-dinner eulogy.

Allen's career from boyh wd. In his seventh year he could read his fa-Second-Each elector should have the evolutionary philosophy of the eral names in the alternative. phy and logic in a West Indian col-Third—There should be some ar- lege, of which he soon became printurer, his debut being made before! the royal society.

He was by nature (and remember Here is a specific description of the working of this system. Please read reproach) a thoroughgoing rebel. Very appropriate on his lips is the 'If you are voting on the Hare- following sentiment embodied in a Spence system in a seven-member poem, which, in June, 1896, he astituency, you mark your ballot | read, amid loud applause, at the seven candidates (or less) in the annual banquet of the Omar Khayrebel our Shelley! a rebel our

Mage That brotherly link shall suffice us: Tis in vain that the zealots, oh!

prophet and sage, From his creed—and from thine would entice us, We seek not to stray from the path

that ye trod; We seek but to widen its border; If systems that be are the order of

Revolt is a part of the order. Though steeped in classical learning, to which many of his admirers attribute his beautiful smooth and lucid style, he advocated the rejecteration of the Hare system is to jon of Latin and Greek from our out the ballots into as many curriculum of higher education. In physics he advocated a new theory of force and energy; in education he deprecated the movement to Germanize science; in ethnology he labored to prove, despite Freeman, that tion, however venerable.

But what a delightful world thi would be, if all our social rebels were as enlightened and as amiable as he! He had many critics but no friends were men who disagreed with

largely due to his power of concentrating thought, and to the graceful facility with which he wrote. Like Sir Walter Scott, he wrote as he spoke, and page after page of his neatly-written manuscripts shows not a single correction and not a single error. It was no uncommon or to finish off a three-volume novel within a month. Such was the history of "What's Bred in the Bone," which won Tid-Bits' prize of £1,000 His capacity for work was prodiglowest number of votes, declare lous. His publications, of every kind, including books, magazine articles and reviews, must aggregate several hundred, but this is in keeping with the energy and ethusiasm with which he threw himself

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