

## CITIZENS' APPRECIATION.

### PETITION TO THE MAYOR.

On July 9 his Worship, the Mayor, was handed the petition set out hereunder, which was numerously signed by leading townsmen. The Mayor at once waited upon Mr. H. E. Mitchelmore to obtain consent to deal with the petition, when Mr. Mitchelmore asked for a little time to consider the request, and subsequently the Mayor received from Mr. Mitchelmore the letter of thanks which is printed below:—

#### PETITION.

"To his Worship, the Mayor of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga.

"Sir,—We the undersigned rate-payers of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga have the honor to requisition that you will be good enough to call a public meeting of the citizens of Wagga Wagga for the purpose of considering the best methods of expressing their appreciation of Mr. H. E. Mitchelmore as a townsman and as Borough Solicitor.—Yours, etc."  
(Here follow the signatures of 38 residents of Wagga).

#### MR. MITCHELMORE'S REPLY.

Gurwood Chambers, Wagga Wagga,  
July 10, 1923.

To His Worship, the Mayor of  
Wagga Wagga.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—This letter is addressed to you as a message of thanks, for your own courtesy, and through you, to my fellow citizens (particularly the signatories to the petition shown by you to me) for their great kindness, in asking me to meet them in public gathering, so that they might convey to me their appreciation of my lengthy citizenship and my extended services as Borough Solicitor. An unbroken residence in this district extending over forty-six years, a continued professional practice of more than thirty-three years, the fulfilment—I trust satisfactorily and dutifully—of the offices of Borough Solicitor for thirty years, added to personal services and assistance rendered to the Wagga District Hospital; the Murrumbidgee Pastoral and Agricultural Association, the School of Arts and many other such like civic institutions have, I feel sure, created a mutual confidence, respect, and friendship, which any man might covet and be proud to have merited. I recognise that the Wagga people, knowing of my own lengthened sickness and of the protracted illness and subsequent death of my respected professional partner and life-long companion, Mr. H. O. Heath, desire to extend their sympathy to me by some public manifestation; and I am overwhelmed with gratitude to them for their splendid and graceful act of confidence and esteem. However, as it is my intention still to remain—for long and useful years I hope—a citizen of Wagga, it is my desire, Mr. Mayor, although animated with all the thanks of which a grateful nature is capable, that my fellow townsmen will allow me to accept the fact of the making of the request to you for a public meeting, by such a large and influentially signed petition, as a full and complete proof of their great goodwill towards me, and without the necessity of holding the meeting itself. I ask leave also to make this letter the medium of my thanks to my legal brethren of Wagga Wagga for their recent unanimous expressions of regard and confidence.—I am,  
Your Worship, yours most respectfully,

(Sgd.) H. E. MITCHELMORE.