

DEATH OF THE HON. A.

R. ADDISON.

The death of the Hon. A. R. Addison, M.L.C., occurred at Orroroo at 10.30 on Thursday morning. The popular representative of the Northern District in the Legislative Council was born in Adelaide in 1842. His father, the late Mr. Thomas Plummer Addison, came to South Australia in 1836 and held for many years the position of Deputy Collector of Customs of South Australia. The Hon. A. R. Addison was educated at St. Peter's College, and upon leaving that school he entered the firm of Younghusband & Co., the River Murray Navigation Company. This early business

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occupied three years of his life, and the young man then transferred to the National Bank. Subsequently Mr. Addison became associated with the Bank of South Australia, and for a time he held the appointment of manager of that institution's Port Elliot branch. After serving the

Bank of South Australia for four years,

Mr. Addison devoted his energies to a new

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venture. With Mr. W. Bowman, he went into a milling business at Middleton, and

considerable success characterised the efforts of the partners for several years. Mr. Addison left the south when the northern areas were opened up. He journeyed to Orroroo, and there he entered into a partnership with Mr. Edward Trussell. The milling business with which Mr. Addison was associated until his death, was then established.

Distinguished Public Life.

Mr. Addison soon became a popular figure in the affairs of Orroroo. For some time during his stay at Port Elliot he had occupied the post of chairman of the district council, and he succeeded

the late Hon. T. Playford and chairman of

the district councils of South Australia. In the north he sought to widen the sphere of his public activity, and in 1889 he gained the confidence of the electors and took his seat in the Legislative Council. His constituents showed their appreciation of his ability as a Parliamentary representative by renewing their confidence in him upon each occasion when he asked for their votes. As a politician he was an unassuming gentleman. He sought not the limelight of office, but carefully watched the interests of his district and the State. When Sir John Gordon was elevated to the bench in 1903, the portfolio of Chief Secretary in the Kingston Government was offered to Mr. Addison, but this honor he declined.

The Church and Sport.

He deeply interested himself in the affairs of the Church of England. At Orroroo he conducted services innumerable, and as a lay reader he held licenses from three bishops. Mr. Addison was a keen sportsman, and he was a familiar figure on the turf. For many years he was a member of the committee of Tattersall's Club, and he was well liked by the sporting fraternity. Thoroughbreds he loved, and among the horses he himself raced were Morgan, Switnen and Vistula. The latter captured the local Grand National Steeplechase in 1891, and was ridden to triumph in the Great Eastern at Oakbank in 1892. Mr. Addison took a great interest in the old volunteer movement, and he became actively associated with the Orroroo Volunteer Force, rising to the rank of captain with that body. Later he captained the Orroroo Defence Rifle Club. As a rifle shot Mr. Addison was well known. Many cups and trophies went his way, and his precise marksmanship on one occasion gained him the

of the State.

Mr. Addison was twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded at Port Elliot, was Miss Elizabeth Bowman. Miss Adelaide Williams, of Tasmania, was his second wife. He left four sons and three daughters.

REFERENCES IN PARLIAMENT.

Shortly after the House of Assembly had

begun its work on Thursday the Premier

(Hon. C Vaughan) received news of Mr.

Addison's death, and at once communi-

cated it to the House. In moving that the

House should adjourn for 20 minutes, as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased legislator, Mr. Vaughan said Mr.

Addison was a man whom they had es-

teemed and respected, and one who was

bluff, hearty, and honest as the day. Members would be deeply sorry for his wife and family and the other relatives he had left behind, but

in one sense, they must be glad he had been released from a long and lingering illness. He was sure the House would express its regret and its appreciation of the good work he had done during his long life. He knew the Legis-

lative Council would have adjourned had it been sitting on that day. Mr. Addison had been a member of the Upper House for many years, and for a brief period was a Minister of the Crown. He had been long and honorably associated with the political life of the State. He (the Premier) extended to the deceased's friends the deepest sympathy of the Parliament,

and hoped, they would be sustained by the consolation of the knowledge that he had worked assiduously for the public welfare.

The Hon. A. H. Peake, in seconding the

motion, said every hon. member of the House would be glad to pay a slight token of respect to a man of such admirable and manly qualities as Mr. Addison possessed. The sympathy of the House would go out to the friends of the late gentleman, and he felt equally certain that the memory of Mr. Addison would be held in very great respect by all. As a colleague in the Ministry with the late Mr. Addison for some months, he could say that he carried into Cabinet the same qualities of mind and the same manliness that characterised

his everyday life. Mr. Addison was always bluff, open-hearted, and open-handed, and because of those qualities he was every inch a man. His death would be received with great regret, not only in political circles, but throughout the length and breadth of Australia.

The Speaker (Hon. F. W. Coneybeer) asked that members would allow him, as one who for a quarter of a century had the pleasure of an acquaintance with the late Mr. Addison, to join in expressing his deep regret at the sad news, and to extend his sympathy and condolence to the family.

The motion was carried, all the members standing in their places.

A MINISTERIAL TRIBUTE.

The Chief Secretary (Hon. A. W. Styles) said on Thursday afternoon:—"I have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Addison. It has been my pleasure to be associated with him during the past five years, and I do not know of any member of the Legislative Council whom I respected more. His straightforward utterances in the Council were characteristic of the man. There was no doubt where he stood in regard to any matter. * He was a man of sterling character, whose word was his bond-respected and esteemed by members of both political parties. We

always looked upon him as one of the few

members of the Legislative Council on his side of politics whom we could rely upon to help in passing all humane legislation. I do not say this at all offensively, but there will always stand to the credit of the deceased gentleman the very active part he took in the passage of the early closing legislation. He was one of the first on his side to support the measure, and it is largely due to his

efforts in the Council that we were able,

with the assistance of the Labor members, to carry this legislation to a successful issue. As to the worth of such legislation,

it is only necessary to mention that the system has spread to the country, where at a number of towns Saturday afternoon closing has become the practice. There are many measures on the Statute-books of this character that Mr. Addison was asso-

ciated with, and he has always been recognised by the workers as "being one of the true Liberals of the old Liberal Demo-

cratic Party. There will be general regret throughout the State at the loss of our respected and esteemed friend."

"A GOOD AND TRUSTY FRIEND."

The Legislative Council did not meet yesterday, but on Thursday evening Sir Lancelot Stirling (President of the Council) paid the following tribute to Mr. Addison:—"The late Mr. Addison was an old scholar of St. Peter's College and a contemporary of mine at that school, and we have been in touch with each other ever since then. He was always a zealous and outspoken citizen and politician. His adverse criticism was generally in words that betrayed no doubt as to his opinion but his nature was of the most kindly order, and he rarely cherished any resentment for long. His gospel was that of independence and self-reliance, and throughout his life the deeds and merits of our pioneers formed the basis of his belief as to how individuality should mark the actions of his fellow-men. He was ever a good and trusty friend, and it may be said of him that his word was his bond in business and private life. All his fellow members respected and liked him."

THE COUNCIL LIBERAL LEADER.

The Hon. E. Lucas, leader of the Liberal

Party in the Legislative Council, said:

"While the death of the Hon. A. R. Addison does not come as a surprise to the public, it will be keenly felt by his many friends and admirers, particularly in the district in which he spent most of his life, and which he represented in the Legislative Council for so many years. Until his health

gave way he was most attentive to his Parliamentary duties, and although he was not a frequent speaker his incisive and direct sentences always commanded attention in the House. Not only in the arena of public debate, but in every department of life, he was characterised by an outspoken fearlessness which is all too rare a quality in present-day public men. By nature he was frank and honest, and he detested shams and cant. Patriotic to a degree, he

served his country as a soldier and rifleman, and could not tolerate any disloyalty to King or Empire. His condemnation of Keir Hardie when he arrived in Adelaide from India, where he was reported to have caused trouble with the natives, will be

remembered by all. Of an active and virile temperament, he bore with characteristic courage and fortitude a long and trying illness, from which it has pleased God now

to release him."