

HON. A. R. ADDISON.

Death Announced.

The death is announced of the Hon. A. R. Addison, M.L.C. A man of fearless views when the occasion demanded, but for the most part of a reticent and reserved nature, the late Mr. Addison was not singularly prominent for a public man and a sportsman. As a rule, he kept largely to himself, but when his companionship was more assertive, it was genial and entertaining. Mr. Addison was best known as a member for the Northern District in the Legislative Council, where he represented with unwearied vigilance and energy the interests of the Northern District. As a legislator he was noted for the outspokenness of his brief, incisive speeches. He spoke little but always with lucidity and effect. Mr. Addison would suffer no restraint in the expression of his opinions, and this sometimes took him along an unpopular course. That did not matter to him in the slightest degree. If he felt he was right he gave vent to his feelings in a quick, dramatic flow of language. Mr. Addison, however, was a thoroughly loyal member, and served his constituents well.

—An Accurate Marksman.—

The reputation of the Hon. A. R. Addison as a rifle and revolver shot and enthusiast was widely spread in gun circles. In September, 1901, he was presented with a silver watch, the prize for the highest aggregate score of 87 out of a possible 90 in the revolver competition at the S.A.N.R.A. matches. Mr. Addison had secured the medal of the Orroroo Defence Rifle Club on the previous Saturday. The handicap man, Mr. F. Rehder, scored 96. Mr. Walter C. Addison, son of the hon. gentleman and a



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subsequent Bisley King's Prize winner, said it was no good his father trying to beat that score, but that he would have a try. He scored 25 at the 200, 500, and 600 yards. The Hon. A. R. Addison, however, surprised his son by winning the medal with the following scores:—200 yards, 33; 500 yards, 34; 600 yards, 31. The following Monday morning the son wanted revenge, and so the two agreed to shoot at 800 and 900 yards, but the father was victorious again by several points, scoring 32 at 800 and 33 at 900 yards. Mr. Addison felt proud of the full score:—200 yards, 33; 500 yards, 34; 600 yards, 31; 800 yards, 32; 900 yards, 33; total 163 out of a possible 175.

—Biographical.—

The deceased gentleman was a son of the late Mr. T. P. Addison (Deputy Collector of Customs), and was born in Adelaide in 1842. He was educated at St. Peter's College, and was employed in the National Bank and afterwards in the Bank of South Australia. He managed a branch of the latter at Port Elliot, where he married a daughter of Mr. W. Bowman, a well-known resident of the district. Mr. Addison joined Mr. Bowman in the milling business at Middleton, and for several years took an active interest in local affairs. For a long while he was Chairman of the District Council of Port Elliot, and has also been Chairman of the Local Government Association. From Port Elliot he removed to Orroroo nearly 35 years ago, and entered as a partner in the milling firm of Messrs. Truslove & Addison, of which firm he became the head. In district affairs, Mr. Addison took a foremost part in various movements, prominent among them municipal, agricultural, and racing. Among the horses he owned and raced were Vistula (which won the Grand National, Great Eastern Steeplechase, and the Steeple at Morphettville), Morgan, and Swithen. For many years he was captain of the Orroroo Company, V.F., and in his earlier years was one of the best rifle shots in the State. Mr. Addison was a son of the late Mr. T. P. Addison.



years was one of the best rifle shots in the State. Mr. Addison was a firm Free-trader, supported the totalizator, was among the earliest advocates of the State Bank, a property tax, local Land Boards, and grants to private schools. He was always a keen politician, and from the day he first took his seat in Parliament he showed capacity and vigour in dealing with public questions. He entered the Legislative Council as a member for the Northern District in August, 1888, in succession to Mr. W. Wadham, who had resigned. Mr. Addison was Honorary Minister in the original Peake Government when it was formed in June, 1910, but he retired when the portfolios were rearranged at the end of that year. He was minister's warden for St. Paul's Church, Orroroo, for 35 years, and was for a long time representative of the Orroroo Church at the Anglican Synod. He enjoyed the distinction of having been a lay reader for more than 30 years, and the position was no sinecure, as he took services regularly during the whole of that period. The deceased's first wife was formerly Miss Bowman, of Middleton. Subsequently Mr. Addison married Miss Adelaide Williams, of Tasmania. He has left a family of four sons and three daughters. They are Messrs. Lance (Adelaide), Walter (Orroroo), Frank (Melbourne), and Alwin Addison (New Zealand), and Mesdames W. Galbraith Johnston (Oakbank) and Doudney (London), and Miss Blanche Addison.