

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED EATON.

On Sunday morning Mr. Alfred Eaton, of Youndegin, near Cunderdin, died at the Beverley Hospital, after a short illness. It is only about a fortnight since his wife died, and it was when he was returning to his home from Northam, after the funeral, that he contracted the cold that eventually led to his death. Thinking that a change would be beneficial, Mr. Eaton decided to visit his daughter at East Beverley, but his condition became worse, and, as pneumonia developed, he was taken to the Beverley Hospital for treatment, but medical aid was unavailing, and he died a few days later. The deceased gentleman was 77 years of age, and was a native of Kent, England, and came out to Western Australia with his parents when only nine years old. His father settled at Balup, on the Perth-Toodyay road, and there the family lived for some years. As a young man, the late Mr. Eaton joined a party, consisting of the late Messrs. James Wilkerson, Middleton, and Viveash, and established a sheep station at North Roebuck Bay, in the North-West. There he remained for about three years. On his return to Perth he joined the Police Force and was stationed at York, Toodyay and Youndegin. When the goldfields broke out, the late Mr. Eaton resigned his position and established the "Youndegin Inn," which was so well known to the pioneers of the goldfields. After the construction of the railway he engaged in farming pursuits on an extensive scale. In all, the deceased had resided at Youndegin for about 41 years. A family of three sons (Messrs Albert, Richard, and Alfred Eaton),

Albert, Richard, and Alfred Eaton), and four daughters (Mesdames T. Davey, Albany; A. Heal, East Beverley; F. C. Jewell, Korrelocking; and J. D. Coster, New Zealand), survive him. The body was brought to Northam for interment and the funeral took place on Monday afternoon, there being a large attendance of mourning relatives and friends. The chief mourners were Messrs Albert, Richard and Alfred Eaton (sons), Mesdames A. Heal and F. C. Jewell (daughters), Mesdames Farmer and W. Mears (sisters), Mr. W. G. Eaton, Marjorin (brother), Mr. W. Mears (brother-in-law), Messrs R. M. Eaton and Aubrey Eaton (nephews), and Mrs. French (niece), as well as several grandchildren. The pall-bearers were Messrs W. McCreery, senr., T. C. Hodgson, L. Smith, J. French, N. T. Hannagan, and W. Collyn. Numerous wreaths and floral tributes were forwarded. The mortuary arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. W. Purslowe.