

PIONEER'S DEATH.

The Late Mr. W. A. Chamberlain.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Alexander Chamberlain, of Sunnyside, Hamilton Hill, who died at his home on Wednesday at the age of 81 years, took place in the Church of England portion of the Fremantle Cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The Rev. Edward Chard conducted a service at the deceased's home and officiated at the graveside in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The late Mr. Chamberlain was one of the pioneers of the State. He came of a very old West Australian family, and was born at Fremantle on November 26, 1851. His father (the late Charles Chamberlain) was shipwrecked in the Indian Ocean on his way to Western Australia, and was picked up at sea by the late Captain J. Thomas in the sailing vessel *Empress*. His grandmother (Mrs. Adams) came to this State in the ship *Rockingham*, which was later wrecked off the part of the coast which now bears that name. Shortly afterwards his mother was born at Clarence Rocks, near Fremantle, now known as the Naval Base. Mr. Chamberlain was apprenticed as a shipwright, and later engaged in shipbuilding at Fremantle. He conducted an extensive business until his retirement 30 years ago, his contracts being chiefly for building pearling luggers. Although the late Mr. Chamberlain built 110 luggers, not one of his boats was lost while being taken to the pearling grounds at Broome. On relinquishing the shipbuilding business, he purchased the orchard Sunnyside, Hamilton Hill, where he resided until his death. He was an enthusiastic rifle volunteer, one of the best shots in Fremantle, and a successful com-

petitor in contests. Of jovial disposition, Mr. Chamberlain had a wide circle of friends. He leaves a widow, six sons, five daughters, thirty-seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Chamberlain (wife), Messrs. Alex., Len C. and Joe Chamberlain (sons); Mesdames A. H. Scott, H. Leaman and J. Newman (daughters); Alex., Len C., Joe and Syd Chamberlain (daughters-in-law); Messrs. A. H. Scott and H. Leaman (sons-in-law); Charles and Alf Chamberlain (brothers); Mesdames Alf and Chas. Chamberlain (sisters-in-law); Messrs. Jack and E. Chamberlain, Harry and Bob Leaman, John Scott, George Newman, Roper, Hac Smith, and C. Carpenter (grandsons); Mesdames Hac Smith, C. Carpenter, Roper and E. Chamberlain, and the Misses Una, Blanche and Zoe Chamberlain, Mavis and Roma Leaman, Helen Scott, Dorothy Guthrie (granddaughters); and Diana and Shirley Roper (great-granddaughters).

Guthrie (granddaughters); and Diana and Shirley Roper (great-granddaughters). The pall-bearers were Captain G. Francis, Messrs. G. Thompson (W.A. Trustee, Executor and Agency Co.), D. G. Taylor (Learmonth, Duffy and Co.), C. Trebley, H. C. Flindell, C. Peterson, A. Brown, H. Turner, B. Sweetman and J. G. Harwood. The hearse was laden with floral tributes, and the bereaved relatives have received widespread expressions of sympathy.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Arthur E. Davies and Company.