A VETERAN'S PASSING.

DEATH OF THE REV. CHARLES HODGE.

At the ripe age of 88 the death occurred on Saturday, at his residence, Maynard, Port Victoria, of the Rev. Charles Hodge, the well-known Congregationalist minister. The late reverend gentleman was born in Bathurst, New South Wales, and was the son of Mr. James Hodge, one of the most prominent people in the district. He was educated at the Bathurst Grammar School, and subsequently went to the University of Sydney, where he graduated in 1847. After passing a few years in London, he returned to New South Wales, and was ordained to the ministry in 1852. He settled at Maynard, where he remained for 40 years, and during that time he was a faithful and zealous minister of the gospel. He was a man of great learning and ability, and his sermons were always listened to with great interest. He was a man of great rectitude, and his influence was always for the good of mankind. He was a man of great piety, and his influence was always for the good of mankind. He was a man of great piety, and his influence was always for the good of mankind. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his death is a great loss to the community.

The Early Days.

Mr. Hodge was married to Miss Austin Strongwell, on October 13, 1834, and was educated by a private tutor. In 1856 he went to England, where he studied at the University of Oxford, and was ordained to the ministry in 1859. He returned to Australia in 1861, and was appointed to the Maynard Congregational Church. He was a man of great influence, and his influence was always for the good of mankind. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his death is a great loss to the community.

A Memorial Church.

Eventually the interest was concentrated at Port Victor, and the Newland Memorial Church was founded in 1889 by the widow of the late H. H. White, of Newland, Port Victoria. Mr. Hodge was always a loyal and faithful member of the Newland Congregational Church, and he was always a faithful and zealous minister of the gospel. He was a man of great piety, and his influence was always for the good of mankind. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his death is a great loss to the community.

The Veteran's Retirement.

Mr. Hodge's last call was to McLaren, where he resided for the rest of his life. He was a man of great piety, and his influence was always for the good of mankind. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his death is a great loss to the community.
An Amateur Doctor.

One interesting phase of Mr. Hodges's pioneer days was his duty as a first-aid medic man and railway porter, for emergencies. But the doctors knowledge and nerve often stood up to the test of fire and flood as well as to the stress of emergencies.

The deceased gentleman's family comprised three sons and five daughters. Mr. C. E. Hodges (of Adelaide) is the eldest, and there are the Rev. Alfred Hodges, of St. Mary's, New Zealand, railway manager; Mr. J. S. Brown, of McLaren Vale, South Australia; Mrs. Eva Lomas, and Miss Lomas, of Rose Hodges.

The Adelaide Review.

To-day Mr. R. Barr Smith, whose birth at Lochnavale, Renfrewshire, Scotland, on February 4, 1821, will complete his 100th birthday. He may have more happy returns of his birthday will be general throughout the world. Mr. Barr Smith has been synonymous with the development of the Australian business life. He has been known throughout the world as a shrewd, far-sighted, and generous citizen.

He is a son of the Rev. Dr. Smith, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, and he received a liberal education, which was completed at Glasgow University. After having been engaged in mercantile pursuits in Scotland for some time, he came to Adelaide in 1834, and joined the firm of Elder & Co., which was largely interested in pastoral and mining pursuits, and which did remarkable work towards the development of the resources of the State in these directions. Subsequently the firm of Elder & Co., the principals being Sir Thomas Elder and Mr. Barr Smith, whose wife is the daughter of the former gentleman, the firm of Elder & Co., was established.

The company, familiar in commercial circles all over the world. Mr. Barr Smith developed the firm into a large and successful business, his financial ability he has amassed great wealth, which he has divided among the members of his family, and, like Sir Thomas Elder, he has always responded to requests of charitable and religious institutions, and, that, without respecting party or creed. For many years he has been one of the leading members of the Adelaide Club, and he has invariably given with discrimination. The depression on the Bombay stock market, to the Government, and there is a deeply religious, educational, philanthropic, or charitable institution, which he has not been a munificent donor. His wife has also contributed in an important way, and his new wife totalled a large sum, and, in addition, he has made public gifts to the University of Adelaide, and to other objects of an equally varied nature.

To patriotic funds of all kinds he has ever been a ready supporter, and generally it may be said of him that he never turned a deaf ear to an appeal which was worthy of his help. In Mount Barker, where Mr. & Mrs. Barr Smith have for 40 years has his country, and to his friends that of his wife has been of long standing. Every local institution has received proofs of this man's interest, and in other ways Mr. and Mrs. Barr Smith have endeared themselves to all the residents who can find the facts that he has spent so much of his time at Auchenflower, where they have resided for so many years, and where they have led a life of great devotion, health, and, despite his great age, he watches with keen concern the progress of current events.
A PRINCIPAL GIVER.

The State's Nonagenarian Benefactor.

If "To give is to receive" be true, then Mr. Robert Barr Smith, who celebrates the ninety-first anniversary of his birth to-day, must have experienced the reward of this divine inspired precept a larger measure than is given to the majority of mortals. He has been the responsible trust that accompanies the possession of riches, and his benefactions to the country of his adoption are embodied in the brightest pages of the State's history, to serve as examples until the end of time. Nothing could be more timely than to compare Barr Smith than fulsome flattery, and to say that today he will be remembered by all classes of the community, and that his overflowing with gratitude and goodwill to state a simple truth. His princely philanthropy and munificence have made his name and that of Mr. Barr Smith, household word throughout the State. All chases and institutions have benefited from his liberality, and the extent of the private charity which he and Mr. Barr Smith have so generously dispersed is known to few individuals. One of the latest examples of his public spiritedness was a gift of £2,000 towards the establishment of the Diocese of Wollongong, to which the Right Rev. Dr. Gilbert White (Bishop of Capetown) has lately been elected.

A Successful Career.

Mr. Barr Smith was born at Lockwood, near Wakefield, South Australia, in 1822, his father was the Rev. Dr. Smith, of the Free Church of Scotland. He attended the Lockwood district of the days of "Wally Thompson," who became Lord Kelvin, the "Napoleon of Natural Philosophy." As a young man, Mr. Barr Smith was engaged in commercial pursuits in Glasgow, where he laid a solid foundation for that business career which made him the Australian merchant prince he afterwards became. The grand old gentleman was associated with his illustrious brother-in-law, the late Sir Thomas Elder in laying the foundations and building the house of Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, which is widely known for its high trade, and the promotion of enterprise and progress. Mr. Barr Smith was a pioneer in Australian commerce, shipping, and pastoral development, a great Australian whose name will be honoured in history for having provided encouragement for our explorers to go to the unknown territory with the prospect of discovery.

Public life has never attracted him. Still he has ever been found in the forefront of the men, frontiers, and politicians have turned to him often for counsel and assistance, which he has freely given.

CONGRATULATIONS.

That Mr. Barr Smith will long be spared to enjoy the good health and physical and mental activities which have served to him in a wonderful degree is the devout wish of thousands of South Australian to-day.