

His researches were made known in a special work which he published, and had illness not intervened another valuable contribution to medical science on the same subject would have been issued from the Press. The deceased was a Freemason, being one of the foundation members of Lodge No. Alban in Adelaide—a Lodge of which Dr. Barlow was the first Worshipful Master. The doctor was married to a daughter of the late Mr. Walter Duffield, of Para Para.

Dr. Whittell, the President of the Board of Health, having been closely connected professionally with the deceased doctor, is in a position to speak with knowledge of his late friend and partner. He says—

"Of course I saw a great deal of Dr. Thomas. He was a man of most extensive acquirements in all branches of the profession. He especially turned his attention to the study of hydatids, and undertook some original experiments in connection with the important study. There is no doubt, however, that he overworked himself. After a busy day attending to his practice he would devote hours to his special study and favourite subject. The one book he published was an exceedingly able epitome of the then state of knowledge of hydatids as known to the specialists of Europe. The book also contained much original work with regard to the identity of the hydatid in man with the hydatid worms found in dogs. The study involved in the preparation of another work undoubtedly overstrained his mental powers. He was a man of very brilliant parts, and I regarded his breakdown as one of the greatest disasters the profession has had to meet in South Australia. He was a most genial man, and there never was a greater favourite with his patients, whom he spared no trouble to benefit."

The funeral of the late Dr. Thomas will leave St. Paul's Church at half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon for the North-road Cemetery.

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THE LATE DR. J. DAVIES THOMAS.—The death of Dr. Thomas terminates the useful career of a remarkable man, and completes the removal from our midst of one who will long be remembered in South Australia as a true friend of humanity. We say that it completes his removal because in one sense his death preceded nearly three years ago by his retirement from that active life which made him a conspicuous figure in the medical circle of Adelaide. The paralysis which then laid him aside was undoubtedly brought on largely through sheer overwork; and it may be said of the deceased doctor that he literally fell a martyr to his assiduity in his profession and in the cause of medical science. A large practice both as a physician and as a surgeon entails of itself very wearing work upon a scrupulously conscientious man like Dr. Thomas. But in addition to this he led a busy and exciting life altogether apart from the ordinary professional routine of a medical man. His investigations into the origin and life history of hydatids, while they enabled him to render signal service to many sufferers from a much-dreaded disease, were yet undertaken more in the interests of medical science and with a view to its world-wide application than for the purpose of extending his own private professional practice. Recognising the scientific and national importance of this work, the University authorities placed a building at his disposal to facilitate his researches, and in addition he had a laboratory on North-terrace. This was the scene of the overwork which finally broke down his health. Visiting patients throughout the day and often far into the night, and then betaking himself, with all the ardour of a specialist, to his scientific work until but a little time remained for sleep—such a life meant serious risk to any constitution however strong, and Dr. Thomas undoubtedly knew and recognised the fact. But in the field of medical science the harvest is so plentiful and the labourers are indeed so few that it is not to be wondered at that the investigator who is working out important discoveries should be led to "scorn delights and live laborious days," as Milton expresses it. Very few men would have had strength to bear the burdens which Dr. Thomas took upon himself in the cause

of suffering mankind. The life which he so nobly risked has been forfeited, but his work in regard to hydatid disease places his name high upon the roll of those who in Australia have made real additions to the sum total of human knowledge. Much of that work, of course, was only fully appreciated by medical scientists, but the recollection of his whole-souled devotion to the cause of humanity and the relief of suffering place the general public also under an obligation to do honour to his memory.

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WAY COLLEGE.—It has been found necessary to appoint three new masters to Way College this year. The following have been appointed:—Walter Trautinger, B.A., Robb Scholar (P.A.C.) 1889, Old Collegians' Scholar and Dux (P.A.C.) 1890, University Scholar 1890, B.A., first-class honours classics, second class honours maths 1892, Adelaide University; Frank J. W. Richardson, who has completed his second year B.Sc. course and taken second-class honours in geology and kindred subjects in the third year B.Sc. course, Adelaide University; and Julian A. R. Smith, B.Sc., Sturt-street Exhibitioner 1888, Gorton Medallist and Longbotham Scholar (P.A.C.) 1889, University Scholar 1890, and B.Sc. 1892, with first-class honours in physics and second-class honours in mathematics, Adelaide University. The College attained 25 per cent. of the passes in the late Civil Service examinations.

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Amongst the passengers for England by the R.M.S. Austral, which sailed yesterday, was Mr. J. Walter Tyas with his wife and family. Mr. Tyas intends to settle in England where his relatives reside. He has been led to take this step by failing health, which caused him some time ago to resign the position of Registrar of the University, an office which he filled for years to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The council by resolution recognised his worth, and expressed regret at having to accept his resignation. Mr. Tyas is the second son of Mr. John Tyas, for many years a member of the literary staff of the London Times, and was born in London in 1833. He was educated in France and afterwards at London University School and at King's College School, London. In 1854 he became tutor to the sons of Mr. John Walter, the proprietor of the Times. He was admitted to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1861, and was attached to the staff of the Times for four years. In February, 1868, he arrived in Adelaide, and joined as a partner the firm of Carter, Tyas, and Co., Manchester warehousemen. In 1872 he visited the Arco Islands, the coast of New Guinea, and the Northern Territory on a pearl-shelling expedition. He returned to England in 1873, and for a time resided in Germany, coming back to Australia in 1878. In 1882 he was appointed Registrar of the University. Mr. Tyas's circle of intimate friends in Adelaide was not a large one, but all brought into contact with him could not fail to thoroughly appreciate the many excellences of his character. To the attainments of the scholar he adds the generous heart and kindly manners of the true gentleman. Amongst those who saw Mr. Tyas off on Wednesday were the Rev. W. R. Fletcher, Professor Watson, Mr. J. L. Bonython, and Mr. C. R. Hedge, the present Registrar of the University.