A BELOVED MASTER.

Death of Canon Girdlestone.

Former Head at St. Peter's.

Among thousands of men born in South Australia, and in many other parts of the world, there will be those who will mourn the death of Canon Henry Girdlestone, M.A., at the age of 53 years. He was born at St. Peter's School in 1832. He had been a teacher in the school since 1844, and had held the position of Head Master since 1855. During his time at St. Peter's, he did much for the school, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

Canon Girdlestone was born in 1832 in South Australia, and was educated at the Church of England College. In 1855, he went to school at Ball College.

Bowen Head Master.

Canon Girdlestone was born in Portsea, in Staffordshire, England, the son of a Church of England clergyman. In 1852, he went to school at Bath College.

THE LATE CANON GIRDLESTONE,
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and after 10 years there he went on to Oxford, where he was enrolled at Magdalen College. During a day of few years at the university, he took his B.A. degree, and three years later secured the Master of Arts, but his main distinction at the university was his ability to play the violin. In 1803, he returned to his old school, Bath College, as a master, and was appointed to it. He entered orders in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, in 1856, and was on the bench for a head master for St. Peter's College.

Mr. Girdlestone applied for the position, and was appointed to it, and was held by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Bishop of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, who was then on the bench for St. Peter's College.

In after years he wished to return to the position, and had been enrolled at Bath College for two years.

That two years had been wasted in preparing for 27 years, for Canon Girdlestone's position at St. Peter's was a heavy responsibility. It required his full attention, and it bore the mark of his intellectual and moral character. The position of Head Master of a school is expected to be a great responsibility, and it must be held by a man who is well qualified for it. St. Peter's, as the largest school in South Australia, is in the charge of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who is also the Bishop of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Unfortunately, Canon Girdlestone was not physically strong enough to carry on the work, and he was compelled to retire. He was a kind and generous man, and his death is a great loss to the school.