

**DEATH OF MR. THOMAS CLACK.****ONE OF NEWCASTLE'S OLD RESIDENTS.**

Flags were flying at half-mast in the city yesterday, and the bells of the Pro-Cathedral were tolled, out of respect to the memory of Mr. Thomas Clack, of Church and Bolton streets, who died at 4 o'clock in the morning. The sad event was altogether unexpected outside the family circle, and the news came as a shock to many people who admired the upright and honourable character of a man so devoted, as Mr. Clack was, to his church and his business. The deceased was at his store in Bolton-street on Saturday morning, but he had to return home on account of the old complaint—diabetes—from which he had been a silent sufferer for some six months. On his way home on horseback he stopped at his old love, the Pro-Cathedral, and saw that some work that was going on was all right. This was the last place he visited, and this fact gives some consolation to the members of his bereaved family, who knew how devoted he was to church work. He took to his bed shortly afterwards, and the skilful attention of Dr. John Harris was of no avail against the old-standing malady, and death occurred as stated at 4 a.m. yesterday, while the deceased was surrounded by all his nearest relatives.

The late Mr. Clack was 61 years of age last January, having been born at Portman Square, London, on 9th January, 1840. He came to the colony in 1853, remained in Sydney for a short time, and then went to Largs, some little distance out of Maitland. He arrived in Newcastle in 1857, and at once became associated in business with his brother-in-law, the late Mr. W. W. Rowe, the business being the same as that carried on by him up to the time of his death. He was a director of the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company, Ltd., and a director also of the Newcastle Building and Investment Company, Ltd. He was quite a pillar of Christ Church Pro-Cathedral, of which he was a church-warden, a member of the parochial council, and the treasurer of the parochial fund. He was the treasurer of the Christ Church Cathedral Building Fund; also treasurer of the choir and Sunday-school funds. He was one of the trustees of the Cathedral site, and also a trustee of the Cathedral—Glebe—the Imperial grant of land for the upkeep of the church. He married the second daughter of the late Mr. Jessie Hannell, a sister to Mr. C. H. Hannell. He was a brother to Mr. F. Clack, of Toronto, and to Mr. H. R. Clack, of Sydney. Among the telegrams received by the bereaved relatives yesterday was one from his Lordship the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Rev. Dr. Stanton, as follows:—"Am deeply grieved at sad event. Have lost dear friend." The Right Rev. Bishop Stretch, the Dean of the Cathedral,

who is in Melbourne with Mrs. Stretch, wired:—"Accept expressions of our profound sympathy. Deeply regret my absence." The funeral will leave the deceased's late residence at 1.45 this afternoon for the Pro-Cathedral, where services will be held, and the cortege will leave the church at 2.30 for the railway station. Mr. E. King notifies by advertisement for the members of the choir to meet at the Pro-Cathedral at twenty minutes past 1 o'clock.