

The Late Mr. D. C. Dalgleish.

THE public learned with the deepest regret the death on Friday morning, the 18th instant, of Mr. Dalgleish, the Surveying Engineer and Inspector to the Steam Navigation Board. Mr. Dalgleish was very generally known, and as generally respected. He was a man of intelligence and great energy of character—a self-made man in every respect.

Daniel Cameron Dalgleish was born at Alloa, in Scotland, in the year 1827. His father, Mr. Adam Dalgleish, was in his youth present at the battle of Copenhagen, not as a combatant, but having a situation in connection with the commissariat. He was afterwards appointed a supervisor of excise in Scotland; and in that capacity resided with his family in various parts of the country. While he was stationed at Alloa, his second son, Daniel, was born. Having received such a school education as is common in Scotland, and chosen the occupation of engineer, he was apprenticed to Messrs. Maxton and Co., Leith Walk, Edinburgh, and served his time with them. He afterwards went to London, and worked at his trade there for some years.

Mr. Dalgleish arrived in this colony in October, 1852. He was one of a number of working engineers who were thrown out of employment in London in consequence of a strike among the trade. Lord Vansittart, a nobleman of liberal views, took much interest in these men's fortunes, and advanced sufficient money to some fifteen or sixteen of their number to enable them to emigrate to this colony. Mr. Dalgleish was one of these; and it is characteristic of the man that he was one of the first to inaugurate a movement among his fellow-workmen for the repayment of their benefactor and the presentation of a souvenir of their gratitude. Lord Vansittart replied to their address in terms conveying his unalterable belief in the steadfastness of purpose and thorough integrity of those whom he had been glad to help.

On arrival in Sydney Mr. Dalgleish obtained employment at his trade. Afterwards he commenced business on his own account. After having, for some time, managed an establishment for Mr. Swan, the engineer, in the year 1859, he was returned as a member of Parliament for West Sydney. He was elected by a considerable majority, after a smart contest, and sat during the whole of that Parliament, taking a prominent part in debates, and strenuously supporting all important measures that he thought

supporting all important measures that he thought conducive to the public welfare. On the dissolution of Parliament in November, 1864, he offered himself again as representative of the West Sydney electorate, but was rejected. He then offered himself for the Southern Gold-fields, in opposition to Mr. Rodd, and was again defeated ; upon which he retired from the field of politics. It is worthy of remark that after Mr. Dalgleish had represented West Sydney for some twelve months, the committee who had returned him without cost to himself, presented him with a purse of one hundred and sixty-five sovereigns, in recognition of his services and their esteem. In the beginning of 1866 Mr. Dalgleish was appointed to the office of Engineer-Surveyor to the Steam Navigation Board ; and in the October following he was presented with the office of Inspector to the same Board. In this position he continued until the occurrence of the unfortunate accident which caused his death, and his conduct in a very trying and invidious position was invariably such as to redound to his own credit and the advantage of the public ; for Mr. Dalgleish was honest and conscientious in the performance of his important duties. By the working-men—especially of his own trade—he was much beloved. He had always their good at heart, and always maintained their rights to social and political consideration. He proved himself sterling metal in every relation of life, and there are few who, whether personally acquainted with him or not, will not deeply lament the untimely accident by which he has been taken from among us.