

DEATH OF DR. C. E. TODD.

A PROMINENT SURGEON.

The medical profession and the community generally have suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Charles E. Todd, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed South Australian surgeons, which occurred suddenly on Wednesday afternoon at Mount Buffalo, Victoria, where he had been spending a holiday. Accompanied by Mrs. Todd, the doctor left Adelaide for a trip on May 5. He was apparently in his usual health and in the best of spirits. A few days ago he wrote stating that he expected to be back in Adelaide on June 3. The first that was known of any illness was a telegram received on Thursday morning asking that Mr. C. H. Marshall, Dr. Todd's radiographer, should go over to him. A few hours later a message announcing the sad occurrence came to hand. The first telegram was evidently sent with the object of preparing his friends for bad news. Dr. Todd expressed anxiety some months ago about his health, and consulted a brother medical practitioner concerning it, but there was nothing in his condition to interfere with his activities in any way or to give him



The late Dr. C. E. Todd.

the appearance of being ill. It is believed that a sudden development of the trouble which then manifested itself was the cause

of death.

Dr. Todd, who was born 59 years ago at North Adelaide, was the elder son of the late Sir Charles Todd, the South Australian Postmaster-General and Government Astronomer. His only brother, Mr. Hedley Todd, died several years ago. Dr. Todd attended St. Peter's College, and afterwards studied for the medical profession at St. George's Hospital, London. He held the degrees of M.D. (Brussels), and L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. (London). Since 1883 he had been in practice in Adelaide, and for some years past had devoted his attention largely to the higher branches of surgery. He paid a visit to Great Britain and the Continent in 1906 to keep in touch with scientific developments, and again in 1912, when he also visited America and met a number of famous surgeons there. While in England he made a special study of radiography and the X-rays, and saw a great deal of the advanced work of his brother-in-law, Professor Bragg, of London University, and formerly of Leeds and Adelaide.

For many years Dr. Todd had been a member of the honorary medical and surgical staff of the Adelaide Hospital. As one of the committee appointed by the Government to draw up plans for additions to and the remodelling of the Adelaide Hospital, his far-reaching knowledge was exceedingly helpful. The committee had just finished its report on the proposed additions, and had still to draw up recommendations in regard to the larger project. Dr. Todd had long been physician to the police force, and examined all its recruits. He held the rank of major under the Commonwealth Defence Department, and between July, 1915, and November, 1916, performed much valuable service at the Keswick Military Hospital. Dr. Todd devoted himself almost entirely to his profession. He was a warden of St. Peter's Cathedral and one of the governors of St. Peter's College. His favorite recreations were golf, boating, and yachting. Much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Todd, who is a sister of Judge Backhouse, of Sydney. There are no children. Few medical men enjoyed greater popularity than the deceased gentleman, who was recognised as one of the leading members of the profession in the State. His kindly nature made him a great favorite among his large circle of patients.

At the annual meeting of the Queen's Home on Thursday afternoon a resolution expressing sympathy with the widow of Dr. Todd was carried at the instance of Mr. W. Pope.