

## GENERAL NEWS.

Many old colonists will regret to learn the death of Mr. J. D. Bone, which occurred suddenly at his residence at Glenelg on Saturday morning. Mr. Bone's decease, however, will be especially felt by those who are connected with the Wesleyan and kindred churches. He had a high reputation as a thoughtful and able local preacher—a reputation which was not confined to the Wesleyan body, of which he was so long a member, but extended to all denominations of the church in South Australia. He was well known over almost the entire colony, particularly in church work, though latterly he was unable to take such an active share in it as before. Mr. Bone at the time of his death was 65 years of age. He was a native of St. Just, in Cornwall, and arrived in the colony in December, 1845. He worked for about three years at the Burra Burra Copper Mines, having had some experience of mining operations in the old country. In 1851 he proceeded to the first diggings in New South Wales, at Tumut River, and remained there until the Victorian diggings broke out in 1857. He went on to the newly discovered field and stayed there for two or three years, after which he returned to this colony. He then commenced business at Edwardstown as a grocer and general store-keeper, where he continued for some 18 years. After his retirement from commercial life he resided chiefly in Kent Town, but in March last he went to England in the hope of recruiting his health, which was affected by some internal malady, but the trip unfortunately appeared to have had, if anything, a contrary effect. While in England he consulted several prominent medical men, who were unable to give him much assistance, and he returned to the colony in the mail steamer Britannia last December. Since then he has been staying principally at Glenelg, and, though not enjoying good health, he was on Friday evening in a very cheerful mood. On Saturday morning, after rising, he was heard to fall, and called for Mrs. Bone, who found him lying on the floor, having evidently ruptured a blood vessel. Assistance was at once obtained, and Dr. Finnis was called in, but before his arrival Mr. Bone was dead. He had been under the care of Dr. Lendon since he came back to the colony. Mr. Bone leaves a widow but no family, and his only living relative is his sister Mrs. Blight, of Clare. In Mr. Bone the Wesleyan Church here loses an old, a prominent, and a very highly respected member. Soon after he reached the colony he became a local preacher, and occupied a large number of pulpits at different times during the past 40 years, besides holding many offices in the church. Though he had enjoyed few educational advantages he was very widely read, and, being a man of extraordinary natural ability, he soon became known as a powerful pulpit orator. He was so

highly appreciated by other branches of the church, as well as his own, that he probably preached in every Nonconformist church in the city and suburbs. He was for a number of years a member of the annual Wesleyan Conferency in Adelaide, and on one occasion proceeded to Sydney as a member of the General Conference. Mr. Bone never took any part in public life, and though some years ago he was pressed to stand for Parliament, he could not see his way clear to accede to the request. His remains will be removed from Glenelg this afternoon for burial in the Payneham Cemetery.