

# DR. J. MARDEN.

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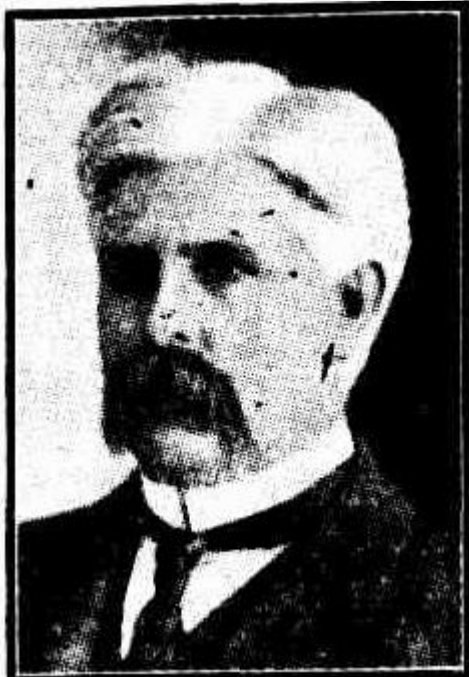
## DEATH ANNOUNCED.

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### Noted Educationalist.

Dr. John Marden, M.A., LL.D., who for very many years had directed, with conspicuous success, the educational and administrative affairs of the girls' colleges associated with the Presbyterian Church, and who was well-known throughout the State as the Principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' Colleges at Croydon and at Pymble, died yesterday in a private hospital at Randwick, at the age of 69 years. He had been ill for about six weeks.

A man of distinguished scholarship, of high and inspiring ideals, and of unsparring energy, Dr. Marden had won for himself a distinctive place among those charged with the intellectual guidance of young people. A progressive educationalist, Dr. Marden did much to establish at the Presbyterian Ladies' Colleges at Croydon and at Pymble those splendid traditions and high ideals which they have preserved and always kept before them.



Dr. Marden was born in Victoria and was educated at Geelong College, and later at the universities of Melbourne and Sydney. It was as a young man that he studied for the law and took his degrees, afterwards devoting himself to education. He was best known as the Principal, for about 30 years, of the Presbyterian Ladies' College at Croydon, and as the founder and Principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College at Pymble. The work of those institutions and their development, he directed with conspicuous ability and success, and the thousands of pupils who received their training under his guidance, and whose characters and lives were influenced by his personality and teaching, held him in very affectionate regard.

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Dr. Marden was an enthusiastic horticulturist, and the garden at his home at Wentworth Falls was one of the show places of that centre. He was one of the founders of the Ashfield Amateur Horticultural Club, and was an elder of the Ashfield Presbyterian Church when he was associated with that district.

He has left a widow, a son, Mr. Stanley Marden, woolbuyer, and three daughters—Madame de Pierris, of Western Australia; Mrs. W. B. Nelson, whose husband is associated with Messrs. Nolan, Smith, and Co., of Sydney; and Mrs. Eric Wilson, of Murwillumbah. Dr. Marden's eldest daughter died about five years ago.

The funeral at South Head on Friday afternoon will be preceded by a service in St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street.