

## DEATH OF MR. W. R. HAYMAN.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. W. R. Hayman, of Balmoral. Some months ago Mr. Hayman underwent an operation, whereby his tongue was removed, and for a time the result seemed satisfactory, and he quite recovered the buoyancy of spirits, which was part of his nature. Recently, however, it was found that the disease was extending down the throat, and after weeks of intense suffering Mr. Hayman expired on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

William Reginald Hayman was born on 8th March, 1842, at Axminster, Devon, England, where his father practised as a medical man. At the invitation of his uncle, the late Mr. J. P. Hayman, of Lake Wallace South, Edenshope, he came to Victoria early in the year 1858, and engaged in station pursuits at Lake Wallace. He quickly showed an aptitude for public affairs, and about 1861 he was appointed hon. secretary of the first pastoral and agricultural society formed in the Edenshope and Apsley district. In the years 1862-3 he resided in the neighbourhood of Hamilton, and managed the Brisbane Hill estate for its then owner. In 1868 he took the aboriginal cricketers to the old country. An interesting reminiscence of this enterprise (with which Mr. Hayman's name will always be associated) recently appeared in our columns. And, it may be here mentioned, that the score book used by the blacks whilst in England will be presented to the Hamilton museum. On his return from the cricket trip Mr. Hayman resided at Mt. Sturgeon station, Dunkeld, and whilst there frequently visiting Hamilton assisting at amateur entertainments, his forte being comic songs in character, which were then greatly in vogue. In 1871 Mr. Hayman was appointed by the late Mr. C. H. Armytage to the managership of the important Fulham Estate near Balmoral, a position which he held for 15 years. Whilst at Fulham he was for some time a member of the Kowree Shire Council, and held the presidential chair for three years in succession. In 1876, Mr. Hayman unfortunately became affected with spinal complaint, and this proved a serious and increasing affliction up to the time of his death. On leaving Fulham in 1886, he settled at Balmoral, where he has ever since resided. Although greatly handicapped by the state of his health, Mr. Hayman took an active interest in the affairs of the township named, and he closely identified himself with the establishment and furtherance of the Balmoral P. and A. Society, and also with the erection of an Anglican church, of which body he was a member. Indeed, it is not too much to say that both the show and the church were his creations. Upon these and other undertakings Mr. Hayman brought to bear a wealth of enthusiasm, a capacity for organising and a grasp of detail, truly remarkable in one so disadvantaged. The Balmoral show has acquired a splendid reputation, and, considering the limited population it has to work upon, compares favourably with any similar exhibition in the colony, and the same applies to the English Church at Balmoral, which is beautifully furnished and complete, and a model of its kind. There can be no doubt that if Mr. Hayman had retained good health his abilities would have quali-

ty that if Mr. Hayman had retained good health his abilities would have qualified him to play a part upon a larger stage than circumstances permitted him, and he would have made an excellent member of Parliament. In private life he was widely esteemed for his urbanity and courtesy of demeanour, and the manner in which he bore his long illness, together with his recent severe sufferings, won the admiration of all who knew him. The deceased, who was a brother of Canon Hayman, of Christ Church, and of Dr. Hayman, of Ararat, leaves a wife and four children, all of whom are grown up.