

PERSONAL.

A large number of the members of the Yorick Club witnessed at the Box Hill Cemetery yesterday afternoon the unveiling of a monument to the memory of Mr. Edward T. Fricker, formerly for many years a member of "The Argus" literary staff, and afterwards for a considerable period editor of "The Australasian," who died last April. Mr. Fricker had been for many years a valued member of the Yorick Club, and the members of the club had erected the monument and chaste bluestone railing as a tribute to his worth, the design being by Mr. W. Davidson, formerly Inspector-General of Public Works, who is also a member of the club. Mr. D. Watterston, formerly editor of "The Australasian" and subsequently of "The Argus," unveiled the monument, and in doing so paid a high tribute to the genial, unassuming character of Mr. Fricker, to his remarkable knowledge of current European history, and his great ability as a journalist. Mr. D. H. Maling also spoke in high terms of the personality and capacity of his late colleague.

Dr. J. Matthew Ennis, elder professor at the Adelaide University, arrived in Melbourne on Saturday, at the invitation of the University of Melbourne, to act as an examiner in connection with the scheme of public examinations in music, conducted by the interstate Universities.

M. Henri Verbrugghen, director of the State Conservatorium, Sydney, is at present in Melbourne, in connection with the interstate Universities' examination scheme.

The Rev. Father W. O'Sullivan, who was recently transferred from St. Kilda East to Carlton, was entertained by his former parishioners, and presented with a testimonial.

The death took place yesterday of Mrs. Anne Higgins, mother of Mr. Justice Higgins, at her residence, Killenna, Norrett avenue, Malvern. The deceased lady, who was the widow of the Rev. John Higgins, and daughter of the late Henry Bourne, of Co. Mayo, Ireland, was in her 93rd year.

The Rev. T. H. Goodwin, who died on Sunday morning, in his 93rd year, arrived in Melbourne in 1852. After 14 years' service as a Church of England missionary to the aborigines at Yelta, on the Murray, he held pastorates in the parishes of Bacchus Marsh, Gimborne (twice), Mansfield, and Heathcote. Then for 12 years he acted as chaplain at the Melbourne Cemetery, retiring in 1892 on account of ill-health. Since his 79th year he had been an untiring Braille worker for the blind, having translated 120 volumes.

The death has occurred at Wellington, New Zealand, of Mr. John Davies Ormond, M.L.C., at the age of 85 years. Mr. Ormond was born in England in 1832, and arrived in New Zealand in 1849. He served the Government of New Zealand in various capacities, receiving special thanks of Parliament for his work during the Te Kooti troubles. He entered Parliament in 1861. In 1872 he became Minister for Public Works, and in 1876 Minister for Immigration and Secretary for Crown Lands. In the following year he became Postmaster-General, and subsequently again Minister for Public Works. In 1891 he was called to

Public Works. In 1891 he was called to the Legislative Council as one of the last number of life members appointed by the Atkinson Ministry, and he afterwards served on various Government and charitable boards. Horse-racing was his special pastime, which he followed for pure love of the sport. He was an ex-president of the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club. He was the owner of the racehorse "Hawke's Bay."

WILLS AND ESTATES.

The Trustee, Executors, and Agency Company Limited is applying for probate of the will and codicil of William Mason, late of Transigon, who died on August 29. His estate, which is valued for probate at £5,244/4/10, consists of personalty only, and is divisible amongst his relatives.