

DEATH of Ma. D. A. BEAUMONT.

A WELL-KNOWN figure was removed this week from amateur musical circles by the death of the noble gentleman, which took place at his residence, Flemington-road, on Monday last, at the age of 53 years and 9 months. The cause of death was cancer in the stomach, from which Mr. Beaumont had suffered for some time. Mr. Beaumont followed as a profession lithographic printing, and served his time with Messrs. Troedel & Co., and was afterwards connected with the firms of Messrs. Sands & McDougall and Messrs. E. Whitehead & Co. For about 16 years he was in the employ of the Railway Department as lithographic printer, supervising the reproduction of the plans and sections required by both branches of the engineering staff. However, it was chiefly through his high musical talent that he became so well and widely known. As a brother of Mr. Armes Beaumont he could hardly fail, especially with musical gifts himself, to remain unknown to society; and although not aspiring to the professional status he, as an amateur, showed the possession of an ability far above the average, and which compared favorably with many who devoted their time entirely to vocal melody. The deceased was one of the first members of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society, and as a performing member of the Melbourne Liedertafel he was for long identified with a leading part. For 17 years he was precentor to the Union Memorial Church, Curzon-street, under the Rev. A. Kininmont and the Rev. Dr. Gilchrist. For five years he led the choir at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rathdown-street, Carlton, of which the Rev. D. E. McEachran is pastor; and for the past two years and a half he filled the same office at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Essendon, where the Rev. A. Stewart officiates. For eight years Mr. Beaumont was conductor of the Victorian Railways Musical Society, and during his connection with it, this society proved invaluable at many socials, and ever reflected credit on its talented and now lamented conductor. The funeral left his late residence at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday for the Melbourne General Cemetery, and was largely attended. The Rev. A. J. Wade (Union Memorial) conducted the service in the house, and the Rev. D. McEachran (St. Andrew's, Carlton) delivered the prayer, while at the grave the Rev. A. J. Wade read the burial service, and the Rev. A. Stewart (St. John's, Essendon) offered up the prayer. The Melbourne Liedertafel sang two hymns at the grave, one in the middle of the service, and the other at the conclusion. The pall-bearers were:—Messrs. Swan, Collie,

bearers were:—Messrs. Swan, Collie, Berry, Stewart, Hasell, and H. J. King. Among those around the grave were—Cra. Barwise (mayor), Benjamin, Carter, and Fuller, and Mr. E. Fitzgerald, and other prominent citizens. Wreaths and floral emblems were received from the following:—Melbourne Liedertafel, Metropolitan Liedertafel (lyre), Victorian Railway Musical Society, Lithographic Branch, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Shapcott, Mr. Thos. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlow, Mr. and Mrs. Boodle, Mr. J. and W. Cheese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Victorian Police Band, Mr. and Mrs. Clack, Mrs. Wray, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Paton, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Peachey, Mr., Mrs., and Misses Amy and Eva Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Milne, Mr. E. Cheese, Mrs. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Buckhurst, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tootell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peacock, J. W. and S. B. Leeming, Mr. and Mrs. Smith (West Melb.), Mr. O. Wannell, Mrs. Bruthen and family, Employes of Miss Green, Mr. F. Brearley, Miss M. E. Little, George & George's employes, Members Curlew Club, Mrs. Kearns, Mrs. E. Andrews, Railway Brother Officers, Mr. and Mrs. Nutting, Mr. and Mrs. Towart, Misses Orr, Miss Towart, Mr. and Mrs. T. Eckersall, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, and others. The funeral arrangements were carried by Alfred Allison, of 221 Victoria-street, West Melbourne.