

DEATH OF AN OLD COLONIST.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. William Forrest, the father of the Premier of this colony and of Mr. Alexander Forrest, of Perth. It was only yesterday that Sir John Forrest, at the call of the doctor in attendance upon the deceased gentleman, visited Bunbury for the purpose of seeing his father. An improvement, however, had in the meantime taken place, and the Premier was enabled to return without any misgivings as to his father's condition. On Wednesday last the deceased was, apparently, in better health than he had been for some days, but at 8 o'clock in the evening he suddenly breathed his last. Death was due to senile decay, the deceased gentleman having reached the ripe age of 80. He was the son of Mr. James Forrest, a writer to the Signet, and was born near Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, Scotland, in 1819. In 1842 he came to this colony, and took up his residence near Bunbury, where, with the primitive implements at his disposal, he began to turn "the wilderness into a fructive farm," and "the forest into a cornfield." His wife accompanied him, and it is only a few years since she died. The deceased took an active part in all progressive movements connected with his district, but he never courted politics. Though his death will naturally be severely felt by those of his sons he has left behind, his loss will be mourned by his many friends with no less intensity than if he had been their own parent.