

DEATH OF MR. W. H. LEESON.

The death took place on Wednesday, December 29, at the residence of his daughter (Mrs James Watson, Jennapullin) of Mr W. H. Leeson, aged 85 years, and a pioneer of the Northam district. He was highly esteemed in the district where for a number of years he was a successful farmer. Some years ago the deceased gentleman retired, and has since resided with his daughter, Mrs J. Watson, Jennapullin. His wife, the late Mrs Ellen Leeson predeceased him by some four years, but a family of one son, four daughters, 20 grand children and 11 great-grand children survive him. The children are Mr R. H. Leeson (Northam), Mrs James Watson (Jennapullin), Mrs F. Campbell, Wickelbin, Mrs H. M. Scott, Subiaco, and Mrs R. M. Eaton, Goomalling. The funeral took place on Dec 3., and was largely attended by representatives from all parts of the district. The cortege proceeded from Jennapullin to St Joseph's Church, where a portion of the burial service was read and an impressive address delivered by the Rev Fr. O'Donnell. The funeral procession then reformed and proceeded to the Roman Catholic portion of the Northam Cemetery, where the interment took place in the family grave, the Rev Fr. O'Donnell officiating. The chief mourners were Mr R. H. Leeson, son, Mesdames James Watson, E. Campbell, H. M. Scott and R. M. Eaton, daughters, Messrs James Watson and R. M. Eaton, sons-in law, and Mrs R. H. Leeson, daughter in law. The pall bearers Messrs Wm. Eaton, John French, J. H. Larson, Wm Forward, W. H. Lawrence and J. McPherson. Many wreaths and floral tributes were received. The mortuary arrangements were conducted by Mr J. W. Purslowe.