

**ANOTHER OLD COLONIST GONE.**

ANOTHER old and valued colonist has passed away in the person of Mr. Joseph Black Dixon, the manager of the Brisbane branch of the Bank of Australasia, who died last Monday at the comparatively early age of 46 years. For some few months past Mr. Dixon had been suffering from illness, but no serious results were at the time anticipated. The disease was, however, it is believed, accelerated by the shock sustained on the occasion of the death of the late Sir Joshua Peter Bell, who, it will be remembered, was in the same cab with Mr. Dixon. Early in January last Mr. Dixon was recommended to take a trip to the southern colonies for the benefit of his health, and on arrival in Sydney was ordered by his medical advisers there to at once proceed to Tasmania. This he did, but the change of climate does not appear to have arrested the progress of the disease, and a telegram was received from Hobart announcing his death at that place on Monday last, from cancer of the liver. Mr. Dixon was a native of Tasmania, and in 1852, at the age of 16, he entered the service of the Bank of Australasia, his father being then manager of the Hobart branch. By his excellent steady business qualities he rose rapidly, and became accountant in the Brisbane branch, subsequently acting manager, and ultimately succeeded to the management on the retirement of Mr. E. R. Drury. At the time of his death he had been thirty years in the service of the same bank. The deceased was generally liked and respected, and during his long residence in Brisbane earned many friendships. He was looked upon as one of the ablest accountants in the city, and was also known as an ardent lover of sport. As a cricketer in the field, or over the table at chess, he was no mean opponent, and entered with hearty zest into movements calculated to benefit the general interests. Old Volunteers will remember him as a lieutenant in the Artillery who always held the esteem of those under his command. Some thirteen years ago he married, and leaves behind him a wife and six children. In these sad moments it may be some consolation to his bereaved family to feel assured that they are not alone in their sorrowings at such a loss.