

Young, Thomas Hobart Town.
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Obituary.

The Society has been deprived by Death of the following Members during the Year.

PETER DEGRAVES, Esq., a Member of the Society since 1845, arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1824, and died, after a short illness, on the 31st December last, at an advanced age. Mr. Degraives gave, in early life, a good deal of attention to the study of chemistry, and he was an able practical engineer; his factory in Manchester was lighted up with coal gas two or three years before its introduction into London. Soon after his arrival in 1824, Mr. Degraives settled at the Cascades, where he constructed his saw-mills, and in 1834 added a flour-mill, both worked by hydraulic engines, for which steam was substituted in 1849. In 1845 Mr. Degraives became also a ship-builder, and sent afloat from his yards here the following vessels, all built of the Blue Gum of Tasmania:—

Tasman.....565 Tons.	Emu400 Tons.
Derwent408 "	Lady Emma 250 "
Jenny Lind ...137 "	Melbourne... 149 "
Yarra139 "	Portland..... 97 "
and the steamer Bendigo..... 74 "	

besides other vessels of lower tonnage. Men who add to ability great practical skill, and to a spirit of enterprise, active industrious habits and a sound judgment, will generally prove, as Mr. Degraives has done, successful men of business, and, under any circumstances, most valuable members of a new community.

GAMALIEL BUTLER, Esq., several years a Member of this Society, after having partially recovered from an attack of paralysis, was rather suddenly carried off on the 1st February, 1852.

CHARLES SEAL, Esq., an extensive ship-owner of the Port of Hobart Town, died on the 9th November, 1852. Mr. Seal had only recently been elected into the Society.

MAJOR JAMES WILLIAM HENRY WALCH, served twenty-six years in H.M. 80th Regt., and nineteen years in H.M. 54th Regt., passed twenty-eight years in India, served the campaign in Travancore in 1809, and that in Ava in 1824 and 1825; died here, after a tedious illness, on the 24th March, 1852. Major Walch was some years a Member of this Society and a contributor to its Museum.

WILLIAM KERMODE, Esq., late a Member of the Legislature of Tasmania, a Member of this Society from its commencement, an enterprising Colonist, and a distinguished Member and warm supporter of the Midland Agricultural Association, died at an advanced period of life, at his residence, Mona Vale, on the 3rd of August, 1852.

T. J. LEMPRIERE, Esq., A.C.G., long resident in this colony, was ordered home in 1850, and afterwards stationed at Hong Kong, which he was obliged to leave from sickness, and died, on his passage to England, at Aden, 6th January, 1852. Mr. Lempriere is well known for the numerous contributions which he made to the Ichthyology of Tasmanian Seas in the shape of Specimens sent to Sir John Richardson, M.D., F.R.S., &c., and described by him in the "Linnæan Transactions," "Tasmanian Journal," "Proceedings of the Zool. Society of London," &c.