

Obituary.

BRYANT—On the 6th May, 1920, at Brighton, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry William Bryant, V.D., in his 61st year.

ALL, especially Melbourne members of the R.A.O.U., will regret the death of Lieut.-Col. H. W. Bryant, who was a genial and popular member of the Union for many years. His last contribution to *The Emu*—"A Trip to the Far Upper Murray"—appeared in the July issue last year, and contained many bird observations of interest.

Lieut.-Col. Bryant was the son of the late Mr. James Bryant, and was born in February, 1860. His father was a well-known cricketer in the early days of Victoria, and his uncle was Mr. W. J. Hammersley, for many years sporting editor of *The Australasian*. Lieut.-Col. Bryant entered the Melbourne Grammar School in 1869, and during his stay there was prominent in most branches of sport. He captained the school rifle team for two years. Deciding on a medical career, he continued his studies at the Melbourne and Edinburgh Universities. On taking the degree of L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. at Edinburgh he returned to Melbourne, and settled in the Williamstown district, where he soon acquired a large practice. About 14 years ago he removed to Collins-street, where he continued his good practice. In the sporting world Lieut.-Col. Bryant was a keen follower of cricket and angling. He was a recognized authority on Australian birds, and was one of the founders of the Bird Observers' Club. When at Williamstown he joined the Naval Brigade as a surgeon, but transferred to the military forces in 1897, and continued to be connected with the Australian Army Medical Corps up till his death. He was awarded the Victoria Decoration for long service. On the outbreak of the Great War Lieut.-Col. Bryant offered to serve overseas, and was appointed to the command of No. 1 Australian Stationary Hospital. He embarked with that command on the hospital transport *Kyarra* at the end of 1914. His hospital was sent to Mudros in March, 1915, and did magnificent service under almost heart-breaking conditions in attending to the sick and wounded during the early days of the fierce Gallipoli campaign. For his share in that work Lieut.-Col. Bryant received mention in Sir Ian Hamilton's despatches. The strain and hardships of the campaign affected his health, and he was invalided to Australia. On regaining convalescence he resumed practice, and also assisted the Defence Department with the assessment of war pensions. His mortal remains were laid to rest, with military honours, at the Brighton Cemetery. The late Lieut.-Colonel's life's partner died in 1915, while he was at the war. The deepest sympathy of the Union goes out to their daughters, the two Misses Bryant.

ONE permanent result of the printers' strike is a great increase in cost. Two temporary results are a reduction in size and publication delayed until 17th August, 1920.