

DEATH OF MR. J. T. TURNBULL.

On Tuesday last information was received in Adelaide which appeared to justify the belief that Mr. J. T. Turnbull, an old Adelaide resident, had died on the Continent. The cablegram which was received was a peculiarly constructed message and is, was wrongly addressed, so that there appeared to be some doubt at first whether it referred to Mr. Turnbull. Later on, however, news which was regarded as somewhat confirmatory of his demise came to hand, and though up to the present no absolutely definite intelligence has been received, Mr. W. Little, his attorney, has no doubt that the interpretation placed upon the cablegram was correct. Mr. Turnbull, who was well known in Adelaide as an insurance adjuster and agent for many years left for Scotland eight years ago, and has made several visits to the Continent for the benefit of his health. A letter has just been received from him dated from Nice, so that he seems to have been on one of his periodical visits at the time of his death. The deceased gentleman, who was very well known in Adelaide, was born in Leith, Scotland, on August 28, 1830, and when 26 years of age he came to South Australia. His first engagement was with Messrs. Elder, Smith, & Co. in their Port office, and subsequently he went to New South Wales and Victoria. He then returned to Adelaide and served the firm of Messrs. William Younghusband & Co and in 1865 he was sent to Europe and America on behalf of that firm. Two years later he began business on his own account as an insurance adjuster and agent. In 1882 he entered into partnership with Messrs. J. G. Boothby and W. Little. Mr. Turnbull was for a long time consul for the Netherlands and Italy, and when he visited Italy in 1878 the King decorated him with the Cross of a Chevalier of the Royal Order of the Crown. He was a great traveller. In 1865 he visited England by way of America; in 1873 he went home again through America and Canada, and in 1874 and 1883 he again made trips. His last journey was undertaken in 1888 and he had been absent from the colony ever since.