

HOBART, TASMANIA

(From a Correspondent)

I write you with deep regret informing you of the death of our esteemed president, Mr S. Benjamin. Although his demise was not altogether unexpected, the end came with startling suddenness; he just died peaceful and happy at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 7th March. As the day following was Saturday, the funeral took place at 4 p.m. the same afternoon, and considering the short time that elapsed was very largely attended. The whole of the Jewish community and many prominent citizens were present. His loss is indeed a severe one to our very small congregation, and will be very keenly felt. Indeed, at the present moment it is hard to say who will take his place. Our worthy vice-president, Mr Joe Glasser, will, of course, automatically take the position of president until a meeting takes place, when his successor will be appointed. The sympathy of the whole community is extended to his widow and family. His son Monty is unfortunately an invalid, and was unable to attend the funeral.

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There is little to write you, nothing of a bright nature to write about. Our hon. secretary is in very bad health and scarcely able to go about, whilst another of our members, Mr B. Rubenstein, is very ill, and has been for some months an inmate of a private hospital.

A good deal of work necessarily falls upon our vice-president, who for some months has been attending to all things communal, and it is fortunate we have such an enterprising gentleman as Mr Joe Glasser.

A good many visitors are at present in Hobart, among them being Mr Harry Davis, brother to Mrs Nat Edwards, who is again here after a 20 years' absence in America, and who left this day by the Riverina for Sydney.

I shall again write you as soon as anything occurs of interest to the Jewish community.
