

MILITARY FUNERAL.

Twice during the past week the citizens have been spectators of military funerals, the first being that of Volunteer Edward Wells, who died from accidental injuries; the latter being that of Sergt.-Major Latimer, who passed away on Friday and was buried on Saturday afternoon. The deceased, at the age of 18 years, joined the 7th Royal Fusiliers, in 1846. He served throughout the Crimean campaign, for which he received the medal, the bars showing that he had been in the engagements at Sebastopol, Inkermann, and Alma, where he was wounded; he was also presented with the Turkish medal. Having served eleven years in the army he was discharged in consequence of a general reduction, but immediately joined the staff of the Cavan Militia, in which he served for a further period of eight years, until he came out to this Colony, some 22 years ago. In Fremantle Mr. Latimer was in charge of the Enrolled Duty Force for about 13 years, when through failing health and a reduction in the force he was transferred to the charge of the Enrolled Pensioners in Perth, where the duties were much lighter. For some years Mr. Latimer, who had previously been drill-instructor in the Fremantle Rifles, was also instructor in the Metropolitan Corps, and during his long residence in the Colony was highly esteemed and respected for his straightforwardness and unassuming demeanor. The mournful cortège left the Barracks at about four o'clock in the following order:—Firing party of Enrolled Pensioners from Fremantle; Band of the Metropolitan Rifles; hearse, with four non-commissioned officers (pensioners) as pall-bearers; the chief mourners, sons of the deceased; Capt. Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Beuttler, principal of the High School, and a number of other civilians, the Metropolitan Rifles in full strength bringing up the rear. Passing the guard-room at the rear of the Post Office the guard presented arms, whilst at the principal entrance to Government House the sentry also presented arms, and His Excellency the Governor, attended by his orderly (Sergt. Finnigan), appeared at the gate and bowed his recognition. Arrived at the Cemetery the coffin was borne on the shoulders of comrades from the hearse to the mortuary chapel, the coffin and pall being surmounted with deceased's sword, belt, and chako, the Rev. J. G. Carter officiating and also performing the concluding ceremony at the grave; after which the firing party fired three volleys, or as it is termed by old soldiers, the "honors of

war." As a pageant the procession attracted a large number of sight-seers, the fine-looking old soldiers, though mostly aged, walking erect, and their breasts decorated with medals for the Crimean and other hard-fought campaigns. As a mark of respect to these old soldiers Capt. Smith, who has the immediate command of the Enrolled Pensioners, attended in his official capacity. Returning from the Cemetery the Volunteers were dismissed at the Town Hall, the Fremantle contingent of pensioners, to the number of 22, being marched back to the Railway Station under Sergt.-

Major McCarthy, and shortly afterwards took train for their homes. The deceased leaves a widow and large family to mourn their loss.
