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DEATH OF MR. A.V. TAYLOR

LATE SENIOR CATALOGUER, FISHER LIBRARY.

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On Wednesday, May 26 last, there died at the age of sixty-eight Mr. Arthur Vernon Taylor, who was until recently a senior member of the staff of the Fisher Library. A short memorial carillon recital was given on Friday last by a fellow member of the Library staff, Miss Sheila Davies.

Mr. Taylor was born in the Isle of Man on October 4, 1875. His father was a librarian, and his brother-in-law, after being senior assistant at the Bodleian, became Librarian of the Public Library of Portsmouth, so that Mr. Taylor was brought up in a library atmosphere. He was educated at the Wesleyan Methodist School, Douglas, in the Isle of Man. He came out to Australia, and in 1916 enlisted in the 17th Battalion of the A.I.F., serving in France in 1917-18. After the end of the war, but before demobilisation, he attended a course which was provided by the A.I.F. educational authority in library cataloguing at the Public Library, Portsmouth. In 1920 he joined the staff of the Fisher Library, where he proved himself an expert in cataloguing and classification, and, a vacancy shortly occurring, was appointed Senior Cataloguer. He retired, having reached the age limit, in 1939. Before his retirement he had acted, in his spare time, as Librarian of the Cooper Library, the library of the Teachers' Federation, which was recognised as a model of its kind.

Mr. Taylor leaves a widow and a son and daughter. His son, Conister, is a graduate of this University, and is now serving with the A.I.F.