

**THE LATE MR. C. Y. O'CONNOR.**

To the Editor.

Sir, — The lamentable death of Mr. C. Y. O'Connor draws attention to the fact that Australia should be careful of the way she treats good men. In this instance, as in other instances, you have had a man faithfully and conscientiously discharging the duties which devolve upon him, but subjected to such bitter and unfair attacks that even a well-balanced mind ultimately succumbed. I fail to see where irresponsible criticism benefits the State, and the death of Mr. O'Connor is an evidence of a man being crucified by people who are not capable of understanding the great and beneficial works which he has had under his control.—Yours, etc.,

**R. SPEIGHT.**

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