

OBITUARY.

Mr. WILLIAM SCOTT.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

After an illness lasting for several weeks, Mr. William Scott, head of the firm of Scotts, Ltd., drapers, died at Huka private hospital, Newcastle, late last night. The death of Mr. Scott, who was an energetic welfare worker and was president of the Newcastle branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, marks the passing of one who was held in the highest esteem by all sections throughout the northern district. The late Mr. Scott was born in Fyfehire in 1861, and two years later crossed with his parents to Ireland. After several years' apprenticeship in Londonderry with John Millen, father of the late Senator Millen, Mr. Scott sailed for Australia on the steamer Cuscoo in 1881. Soon after landing he joined the firm of David Jones, Ltd., and three years later was appointed to the managership of John Graham's tailoring establishment in Sydney. Following an attack of typhoid fever, he came to Newcastle for health reasons, and a few years later became a partner in the firm of Scott and Aird, drapers. In 1891 the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Scott founded the present large business which bears his name. From a one-roomed shop Mr. Scott, who had unbounded faith in the future of Newcastle, saw his business gradually develop and expand until during recent years the business of Scotts, Ltd., had grown into the largest establishment in the north. Although until his recent illness he gave untiring attention to the management and control of his business, Mr. Scott found time during his few leisure hours to devote himself to the task of building up the Y.M.C.A. movement in the Newcastle district. Appointed president of the Newcastle branch of the association at its re-establishment several years ago, Mr. Scott by his enthusiastic and generous support to the movement was mainly responsible for the firm basis upon which the Y.M.C.A. is now placed in the northern district.

A member of the Presbyterian Church, the deceased gentleman was closely associated with all its activities, and was a committeeman of St. Andrew's, in Laman-street. The late Mr. Scott is survived by Mrs. Scott, a son (Mr. Eric Scott), and three daughters. Following a short service at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow, the funeral cortege will leave St. Andrew's Church for Sandgate Cemetery at 2 p.m.