

## PIONEER PASTORALIST.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. DOYLE.

Mr. James Henry Doyle, a pioneer pastoralist, of "Invermein," Scone, passed away suddenly on Tuesday week. The late Mr. Doyle was born at Raworth, near Richmond, on May 3, 1844; and was therefore in his 77th year. His father was Mr. Andrew Doyle, of the same district, and his mother, Mrs. Catherine B. Howe, a name inseparable from the days of early exploration in this State. Educated at Maitland High School, at the age of 16 years he entered upon a grazing career in the pioneering days with his father on "Cooma" station, near Narrabri. About two years later he went further back, this time taking over the charge of "Narvena," near Brewarrina, and other properties, including "Bundabulla" on the Bokira River, which were also held by his parents. During this same period, and at a time when he was barely out of his teens, he was equal to making several overland trips to Melbourne, thus revealing his indomitable courage, which, however, was a training that stood him in good stead in his later battles of life. In his 60's he went on to "Yow" in Queensland, in partnership with his brother John, and a few years later took up "Moribilla," in the North-West. He dissolved partnership with his brother in 1874, and acquired "Corella" station, near the border. During the same year he married Miss Rebecca MacDonnell, daughter of Mr. John MacDonnell, of "Woodara" station, near Wollar, on the Goulburn River, living on his more recent property until 1879. It was while outback in the west that he had more than one "brush" with the "knights of the road," but without any harmful consequences. It was in the same year (1879) that he settled in the Scone district, on "Woodlands," and a few years later came on to the historic "Invermein" estate, whereon he resided continuously right up to his death. Other properties which he became interested in during recent years, and on which members of his family now reside are "Warrandine" and "Balagna," in Queensland, and "Cooma," and "Cooma," in the North-West. Beside his devout and estimable partner in life, there survive three sons and two daughters, namely Messrs. J. Hilton, Bruce and Alex. Broughton (a Lieutenant in H.M.S. Navy, who saw active service), Miss Madge Doyle and Mrs. H. R. Cowdery. The deceased gentleman was a member of the Scone Stock Board for many years, committeeman of the Scone Memorial Hospital, the Land Board and Churchwarden of St. Luke's Church, and a member of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod for 40 years. He also filled offices in the cricket and polo clubs.

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