

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Medlyn.

To the people of Parkes and Trundle, as well as those of many other western centres, there came a great blow when they heard yesterday of the sudden death of Mr. John Joseph Francis Medlyn. It really appeared as if an integral part of our community life had been taken away.

Deceased had been suffering for some time from blood pressure, and when he returned to his home at Bushman Street on Wednesday evening he complained of not feeling well and went to bed. In the morning one of his daughters was sent to his room to waken him for breakfast, and he dressed and made his way to the dining room. A crash was heard, and when his family rushed in they found him lying unconscious on the floor, his death occurring in a few moments.

"Jack," as he was known to practically every man, woman, and child in the district, was one of the most popular residents. What endeared him most to everyone was the fact that he met, both misfortune and streaks of good luck with the same cheeriness. His happy smile and splendid manner endeared him to everyone, and his death removes one of the most popular men of the locality.

He enlisted for the war, and though he did not get overseas he became a great worker on behalf of the diggers. Not only for them was his great-heartedness displayed, for there are hundreds of "lame dogs" whom he has helped over the stile, doing good deeds and blushing to find them known.

In the public life of Trundle he played an important part, and as Secretary of the Jockey Club he was the veritable life force of that organisation. In all public matters and functions he was one of the leaders of the town. For years he acted as

of the town. For years he acted as Trundle correspondent for the "Champion."

The late Mr. Medlyn was born at Parkes almost 52 years ago, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Medlyn, who were included in the earliest and most prominent citizens of Parkes. He was educated at the Parkes Public School under Mr. W. J. Liggins, and his first entry into the business world was as a draper. He was a member of the first Parkes

Musical and Dramatic Society. He spent some time on the North Coast, and later returned to Parkes, where he married Miss West, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. L. West. They raised a family of three daughters—Marjorie, Jean and Rene, who reside in Parkes.

Some years ago deceased started a business in Trundle, where he opened with his brother, Mr. T. C. Medlyn, as a stock and station agent. They built up one of the finest businesses of this nature in the west; but on the death of his father Mr. T. C. Medlyn assumed control of the Cambridge Hotel at Parkes and deceased carried on the Trundle business.

After a service at the Church of England this morning, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Neild, who

christened deceased and officiated at his marriage, the very large funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery, where the last sad rites were conducted by the Archdeacon. Mr. T. K. Shakespeare was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Messrs. T. C. Medlyn and M. Medlyn, of Parkes, are brothers of deceased, and Mrs. McCoy, of Sydney, is a sister.

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The deep sympathy of the whole of the people of the town and district is extended to the sorrowing widow, daughters and relatives. The former are the losers of a devoted husband and father, and the district loses a fine gentleman.