

Death of Mr. John Percy Gordon.

POPULAR CITIZEN PASSES ON.

One of the most respected citizens of the coalfields, Mr. John Percy Gordon, died in Cessnock Hospital yesterday morning, at the age of 64.

Mr. Gordon was born in Greta (N.S.W.) and came to Cessnock 34 years ago. He was connected with the bakery business of G. D. Natrass. He was for many years President of the Cessnock District Cricket Association, and during his period of office the John Bull Cricket Shield was won by Cessnock.

Jack Gordon himself was no mean cricketer. He was also greatly interested in tennis and had held the position of President of the Cessnock District Tennis Association. He was for many years a prominent member of the I.O.O.F., and was a Justice of the Peace.

It can safely be said that there was no one in the community more highly respected than this fine citizen. His courteous and kindly manner endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact.

Although he had been ailing for the past three months, his death came as somewhat of a shock to the people of Cessnock. He is survived by his wife and three children, Elizabeth Killick (Galong), Shirley Joyce Gordon (Cessnock) and Robert John Gordon, A.M.F.

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Mr. Gordon occupied all the positions practically open to a layman in the Church of England. He was Rector's Warden, parochial nominator, Synod representative, Treasurer of St. John's, and one of the Trustees of the Cessnock cemetery.

The Rector of Cessnock (Canon Reay Campbell) said: "I deplore the passing of one who has been so long honourably connected with many of the activities of Cessnock. As a sportsman he always played the cleanest game. As a townman in business activities many will be the poorer for his passing. Very few people had any idea of his benevolent activities. As a churchman, I myself personally mourn the passing of one who has been at my right hand during the whole time of my association at Cessnock.

"The parish and congregation have lost a true friend, and one who was ever ready with his personal resources and long experience to render the best that was in him."

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The funeral will take place this afternoon, in the Church of England portion of Cessnock cemetery. A service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Reay Campbell, at St. John's Church at 4.30 p.m.