

## OBITUARY

### MR. P. S. YOUNG

The death occurred at his home in East Avenue on Sunday night after an illness of only a little over a fortnight, of Mr. Percy Sing Young, a resident of Glen Innes for over half-a-century and a prominent figure in northern commercial circles for the greater part of that time.

The late Mr. Young, who was born in Canton (China) 76 years ago, came to Australian when he was about 20 years of age, and less than six years later came to Glen Innes to join the staff of Messrs. Kwong Sing and Co., then under the management of the late Mr. Chce. It was not long before Mr. Young acquired an interest in the firm, of which he subsequently became the sole proprietor. About 16 years ago he disposed of the business and went to Hong Kong, where he joined the directorate of The Sincere Company an importing and exporting firm with extensive interests in the Far East in pre-war days. Three years ago, when the threat of war became manifest, Mr. Young returned to Glen Innes and re-purchased the store business of Messrs. Kwong Sing and Co., which has since been conducted under the management of his son, Mr. Stanley Young. Since resuming business here Mr. Young interested himself in the building up of an export trade with the Far East and prior to the outbreak of war in the Pacific had exported considerable quantities of flour and fruit to China and elsewhere.

With the passing of Mr. Young Glen Innes has lost one of its finest citizens. There was none more respected than he, and few indeed who have had the welfare of the town and district more at heart. He was the soul of honesty, and a man whose word was his bond. A kindly and generous man, the late Mr. Young, though keen and astute in his business activities, never became so absorbed in his own advancement as to lose regard for the welfare of his fellow men, and there could be no finer monument to him than the universal goodwill which he built up over the years. None can speak but well of the late Mr. P. S. Young.

In an earlier day Mr. Young interested himself in farming and pastoral pursuits, and held extensive areas in various parts of the district. His subdivision of several large district properties was a definite factor in the development of the district. He also invested in town property, and Young Street derived its name from this public-spirited citizen.

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Surviving the deceased gentleman are his widow, two daughters—Mrs. D. Pang (Glen Innes), and Mrs. A. Yee (Bundarra) and five sons—Messrs. Henry (Coff's Harbor), Stanley, Roger, Norman and Cecil (Glen Innes). There are 18 grandchildren.

There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral, which, following a service at Holy Trinity Church, took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of England portion of the local cemetery. Included amongst those who visited Glen Innes for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. H. Fay (Inverell), Mr. and Mrs. H. Hon (Tenterfield), Mrs. C. Ma (Sydney), Mr. Frank Patt (Casino), Mr. Percy Yee (Ballina), Mr. Jas Hoon (Werris Creek), Mr. Yee (Tamworth), Mr. T. Young (Tenterfield), Mr. Kong (Stanthorpe), Mr. A. Yee (Bundarra), Mr. Wing (Guyra), Mr. Gett (Emmaville), Mr. Long (Inverell), and Mr. Low (Tingha). A further tribute to the memory of the deceased was expressed in the large number of floral tributes and telegrams of sympathy.

At a service held in Holy Trinity Church prior to the funeral, Rev. T. Hunter Barratt said the people of Glen Innes had known the late Mr. Young as a great citizen. He was a man interested in the district and all its concerns. He was a man of kindly heart, and there were many who would miss him now he had gone. A townsman who was highly respected, the late Mr. Young had done everything in his power to make himself worthy while he lived here. A member of the Church of England—a Christian, the deceased had interested himself in the work and life of the church, which he had supported not only by his material gifts, but also by his spiritual gifts. He had shed the spirit of love and fellowship amongst those who knew him within the church fold.

Stating that just before his death the late Mr. Young had expressed a wish to do something for the church, Mr. Barratt said that his wish would be realised and a new altar would be provided in his memory.