

CONSTABLE M. CLARKE.

The funeral of the late Michael Clarke, first-class constable in the N.S.W. Police Force, took place in the Catholic portion of the Waverley cemetery on Tuesday week, in the presence of a representative gathering. The Rev. J. J. Byrne (of St. Francis', Haymarket), who officiated, took occasion to say a few words in eulogy of the dead. Michael Clarke was a native of Cavan, and joined the police in Dublin. It is more than a quarter of a century since he arrived in Sydney and joined the police force, and at the graveside were William M'Nally and E. Stokes, two comrades of his in the Irish police. Mr. Clarke was always attentive to his duty. Before he was stationed at the Mint he was an earnest attendant of St. Francis' Church, Haymarket. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul was celebrated by the Rev. J. J. Byrne on Tuesday morning. Numerous wreaths were placed upon the coffin. They included ones from the police at No. 2 Station, Inspector and Mrs. Roche, the traffic police, the mess-room, central police barracks, Mrs. and Miss Gostick (sister and niece), Paddington police, No. 3 Station, Darlinghurst, the Royal Mint, No. 4 Station (George-street North), N.C.O. and men of No. 11 Station (Petersham), Senior-Sergeant Slamon (Balmain), Mrs. Moyes and family, Mrs. Blow, Mrs. Redmond, Misses Ward, and Dorrie and Miss Redmond. The coffin was borne to the hearse by the tallest comrades of deceased. The procession was headed by the Police Band, conducted by Constable Mankey, and one hundred police in uniform walked in front of the hearse, which was followed by a line of vehicles, which extended along Pitt-street from Liverpool-street to Campbell-street. Amongst those present at the grave were Mrs. Gostick (sister), Mr. Hogan (brother-in-law), Ex-Superintendent Brennan, Superintendent Mitchell, Inspectors Roche and

Hughes, Sub-Inspector M'Lean, Senior-Sergeants Carberry, Orr, Slamon, J. Thompson, M'nee, Sergeants Curry, Meyer, Evans, O'Dea, M'Govern, Curtis, Mecham, Bennett, and Nowlan. The Rev. J. J. Byrne officiated at the grave.—R.I.P.