

OBITUARY

THE LATE G. C. DRIFFIELD.

In a previous issue we briefly mentioned that the death of Mr. Driffield took place in Sydney (in the War-Memorial Hospital, Waverley) early on the morning of the 25th May, in which institution he had been just 13 weeks.

The late Mr. Driffield, who was one of Condobolin's most highly respected citizens, was born in Adelaide in September, 1860. As a boy he attended the Windham College, North Adelaide, a school that has produced many men who afterwards made their mark in South Australian history. He served his articles with Mr. J. H. Gordon, who was subsequently elevated to the position of Supreme Court Judge. After practising as a solicitor for a short time at Port Pirie, he went to Broken Hill, with a view to being admitted in New South Wales. After practising there for about 18 months, he applied for admission as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and was admitted on the 15th December, 1888. After admission he spent about 12 months with a firm of solicitors in Cowra. At the end of 1889 or early in 1890 he, on the suggestion of the late Thomas Watson, came to Condobolin, where he continued in practice. He was the retained solicitor for the Shire Council, Municipal Council and P.P. Board. Finding the work too heavy and his health failing, he sought the partnership of a young man. In May of last year Mr. H. C. Hodby was admitted a partner.

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For very many years Mr. Driffield was an active member of every public body in Condobolin. Especially should his long, early-day services to the hospital be remembered. In Church of England church matters he may have been regarded as foremost of the town. For 36 years he had been Rector's Church Warden in connection with 'All Saints'. During that time he saw many changes of clergyman, and he was a true and loyal friend to all. The Ven. Archdeacon Neild bears warm testimony to his worth and describes him as "a gentleman of the old school." He was also an honorary lay reader, and in years past he frequently, in the absence of the clergyman, held Service, and conducted many funerals. For 15 years he was a lay representative of the Condobolin parish in the Bathurst Synod. A musician of no mean talent, he was honorary organist and conductor of the church choir. That his grounding in music was good may be judged from the fact of his being in his young days a member of the Choral Society of Adelaide, of which the Governor of the time was president, and practices were held in Government House.

On the 27th September, 1905, the late Mr. Driffield married Miss Agar, a native of Toowoomba, Queensland, and the marriage took place in that beautiful city. There are three children, Helen, Fred and Joan. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartiest sympathy.

Euchre party and dance will be held in the Royal Hall on Thursday night and a juvenile on Friday night, in aid of The Country Women's Association.

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The grand ball at West Milby, in aid of the hall funds has been postponed from Wednesday, 15th, to Friday, 17th June. Miss King's orchestra will supply the music, so a good night's fun is assured.