

THE LATE MR. JOHN CAMERON.

It will be learned with deep regret by a very large circle of friends in Queensland and the other states that Mr. John Cameron died at an early hour yesterday morning, says the "Brisbane Courier" of Friday last. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health lately, and recently underwent an operation, but gradually sank.

Mr. Cameron was one of the sturdy pastoralist pioneers of this state to whom the present generation is much indebted for having laid the foundations of its prosperity on such solid and secure lines. He came from a stock of various Scottish clergies, whose name is indelibly impressed on the pages of British history. John Cameron was sprung from the Camerons of Darnley, a branch of the Glenavis Camerons, the founder of which (Sir Ewen Cameron) distinguished himself as a warrior and gained special recognition from Prince Charlie for courage on the field of Culloden. Mr. Cameron's grandfather was an officer in the 79th Highlanders, and took part in the Battle of Waterloo and other fights for King and Empire. The late Mr. John Cameron was born in British Guiana, South America, in March, 1845, where his family were for some years engaged in sugar-growing. The Camerons migrated to Australia in 1852 and settled in Victoria, and John Cameron was sent to school at the Scotch College, Melbourne, the home of many a bright lad who in after years played an important part in moulding and shaping the destiny of Australia. Thence he passed to the Geelong Grammar School, and at the early age of fourteen went on to his father's property to learn something of pastoral work. Four years later, when a youth of eighteen, he left with his father and Messrs. J. and W. Crombie to travel a small flock of mixed sheep into western Queensland. On the 10th of June, 1861, after a long and trying journey, the little party reached its destination, and settled down at Barcaldine, where a splendid tract of land lay as a reward for those enterprising enough to take it up. In those days it took three months to get wool down to Rockhampton, but the high prices obtainable (2s. 6d. per lb. for scoured wool) somewhat compensated for the delay in transit. The whole of that part of western Queensland lying between the Barcoo and Thomson rivers may be said to have pioneered

the partnership was dissolved, and Messrs. Cameron and Crombie, having realised on all their interests therein, purchased Kensington Downs from Mr. Donald Gunn and Greenhills from Mr. H. W. Barton, and ran the two properties successfully for a period of four years, when the partnership ended, Mr. Crombie taking Greenhills and Mr. Cameron retaining Kensington Downs. This latter fine property, situated on the western bank of the Thomson, about twenty-five miles from Muttaborra, was steadily improved by Mr. Cameron and became a model western homestead. It comprised 625 square miles of beautiful undulating downs, and the leasehold, which was divided into thirty paddocks, has carried upwards of 150,000 sheep. The Central district was the continuous home of the Cameron family from 1864 till 1891. In 1893 Mr. Cameron was returned to the Legislative Assembly as representative of the Mitchell district, and held the seat until 1896. Five years later he succeeded the late Mr. Thomas Macdonald-Paterson as member for Brisbane North, and retained the seat until 1908, when failing health compelled him to retire from active participation in public affairs. A man of many interests and greatly beloved, he identified himself closely with the Caledonian Society and Burns Club, of which he was president, and was also at one time president of the Queensland Scottish Rifles. He was a member of the committee appointed by the Government to investigate the affairs of the Queensland National Bank, and afterwards became a director. He was also a director of the Darling Downs and Western Land Company, the Alliance Insurance Company, the Union Trustee Company of Australia, Chairman of the Queensland Meat Export Company, President of the United Pastoralists' Association of Queensland, and a member of various stock and rabbit boards. He took a keen interest in works of benevolence and religion, and was a strong supporter and elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Creek-street, and a member of the Council of Emmanuel College to which he rendered very great assistance from its inception. A most worthy son of Scotland, he added lustre to the name of Cameron by his energy, perseverance, and goodness of heart.

Mr. Cameron is survived by his widow and three sons—Mr. D. C. Cameron, of Kensington Downs Station; Mr. John Cameron, of Raincourt Station, near Hughenden; and Mr. P. L. Cameron, of Caledonia Station, Aramac.

The officials of the Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club met yesterday, when deep regret was expressed at the death of their beloved president and chief, who had held office for ten years, was one of the most generous supporters of

by the Camerons and the Crombies. After spending eighteen months on Barcaldine Downs Mr. Cameron undertook the overseership of Alice Downs Station and two years afterwards he was offered and accepted the management of Wilby now part of Mount Cornish and Aramac stations. In 1869 he became one of a partnership which owned several properties that now are of great value. In 1877 the partnership was dissolved, and Messrs. Cameron and Crombie, having realised on

the society, and was largely instrumental in securing the Centennial Hall for the society. Flags were flown at half-mast over the hall and over the society's premises in Queen-street.

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At the monthly meeting of the National Association yesterday afternoon the President, Mr. John McDonald, said that it was with great regret that he had learnt of the death of Mr. Cameron. Mr. Cameron had once been a member of their council and a vice-president of the association. He was a man of the finest type—honest, and a good citizen—and would be greatly missed in Queensland. On behalf of the association he moved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the deceased gentleman's relatives. Mr. E. Baynes seconded the motion, which was immediately carried.

The following is from the "Brisbane Courier" of Saturday last:—

The funeral of the late Mr. John Cameron took place yesterday morning at Toowong Cemetery, and, though of a semi-private nature, was attended by a large number of his friends and business associates. The Brisbane Caledonian Society and Burns Club, of which Mr. Cameron was president and chief, was strongly represented by members in Scottish national costume, whose silver decorations were covered with black draping. Six pall-bearers—members of the society (Messrs. W. McGregor, R. Liddle, R. King, A. McLeod, D. Lyell, and Captain D. McGregor)—carried the casket from the house to the vehicle, their comrades and the pipers of the society band standing at mournful attention on each side of the hearse. A service was held at the house by the Rev. Dr. E. N. Merrington, assisted by Rev. J. S. Macdonald, who also conducted the graveside service. The wreath sent by the Caledonian Society was intertwined with Scottish heather, and after the pipe band had played the laments, "Flowers of the forest" and "Lochaber no more," the Caledonians walked in single file around their late chief's last resting place, each man throwing a piece of heather into the grave.

The chief mourners were Messrs. Donald, John, and Percy Cameron (sons of the deceased), D. C. K. Cameron (brother), T. S. Sword, and Beauchamp Cameron.

Amongst those who attended the funeral were Captain Talbot, A.D.C., (representing the Governor, Sir William MacGregor), Sir David Hardie, Dr. Lockhart Gibson, Hon. G. W. Gray, M.L.C., Sir Alfred Cowley, Captain Newton, Messrs. W. V. Ealston, and G. Bunning. The United Pastoralists' Association were represented by the Hon. A. H. Whittingham, M.L.C., (president), A. A. Elliott (vice-president), W. W. Hood, F. Ranson (secretary), and Muir (assistant secretary), and the Union Trustees Company was represented by Mr. G. S. Murphy (chairman), and the Hon. Messrs. P. Murphy, and A. H. Whittingham, M.L.C., Messrs. A. M. Hertzberg, A. D. Walsh, and H. W. Byram (manager). Others present included Messrs. D. Rowling, H. W. Whitley, R. T. Kift, J. P. Boss, and T. McIlwraith Taylor (all of Moreheads, Limited), W. B. Slade (Glen-gallan), L. H. C. Morgan, and A. D.

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Walsh (Dalgety and Co., Limited), W. J. Hooper (Talwood), L. G. Gorrie (Acclimatisation Society), F. Corrie, Malcolm Corrie, W. C. Horstmann, A. A. McLeah (Belford), W. Chisholm, W. F. Woodcraft, and J. B. Cochrane (kirk session of St. Andrew's Church), J. K. Stewart, and W. F. Woodcraft (Young Men's Christian Association, on the board of which association the deceased had a seat), P. Carlyle and F. Hattersly, J. Milne, A. Spencer, the Rev. Canon T. Jones, Messrs. W. A. Morrow, Andrew Crombie (Toowoomba), E. D. Crombie, C. C. Warren, J. H. Flower, C. S. Miles, A. Petrie, M.L.A., W. Bertram, M.L.A., Cecil Palmer, James P. Orr, C. Pickering, John Macdonald (National Association), John Reid (Messrs. Hutton and Co.), and F. Davis (Yorkshire Insurance Company). The members of the Caledonian Society and Burns Club present were—Messrs. R. W. Gordon (chairman), W. McGregor (hon. treasurer), G. Crawford (hon. secretary), E. H. Pearson, R. Liddle, D. Hamilton, M. Duncan, E. King (members of the committee), Captain D. McGregor (vice-president), and R. Conochie, while the members of the Pipe Band in attendance were Pipe-major A. S. McLelland, Messrs. D. Lyell, J. Brown, J. Braithwaite, R. Duncan, H. Hay, H. W. Hay, W. McDonald, and A. McLeod.

Rockhampton, July 1.

Mrs. J. K. Pace and family, who have been staying at the Leichhardt Hotel, left by last night's mail train for Longreach.

Mr. R. Rule was a passenger by last night's mail train for Longreach.

Mrs. Wooster arrived last week from Sydney on a visit to her son and daughter, Dr. Wooster and Miss Wooster, Rockhampton General Hospital. Miss Wooster (Sydney) is also on a visit to her cousins, Dr. Wooster and Miss Wooster.

Mr. J. Shannon was a passenger from the west yesterday. He is staying at the Leichhardt Hotel.

Mrs. and Miss Shannon arrived from Emu Park yesterday. They are staying at the Leichhardt Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Richardson, who have been spending a holiday at Emu Park, returned to town yesterday. Mr. Richardson left by last night's mail train for Darr River Downs.

Mrs. A. Stokes and family left yesterday on a visit to Yeppoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hooke came up from Emu Park yesterday and left at night for Moray Downs.

Mr. S. Kidman left by last night's western mail train.

Mrs. Denyer and her son arrived from the west yesterday morning and left later for the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell arrived from the south yesterday afternoon and left later for the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Crombie arrived from the south by yesterday's mail train and left subsequently for the west.

Mr. A. Tait left by last night's mail train for Aramac.

Miss F. Carr-Boyd entertained a number of friends at a delightful tea yesterday afternoon at Shandon. She was assisted by her mother (Mrs. M. E. Brown) and

afternoon at Shandon. She was assisted by her mother (Mrs. H. E. Brown) and Misses M. Irving and L. Carr-Boyd. The drawing-room was beautified with bowls of lovely red roses, sweet peas, and ferns. In the course of the afternoon several selections on the gramophone were given. Those present included Misses Wooster, M. Wodehouse, J. Macdonald, L. Duncan, J. Jones, K. Broughton, B. Curtis, M. Hooke, J. Hooke, D. Henchman, J. Gibson, N. Dowling, P. Hutton, C. McLeod, P. Williams, D. Hall, A. Stuart, N. Hall, L. Callaghan, Bond, Forster (2), Hurd, and Wooster (Sydney).

Misses M. and D. Barnett entertained a number of friends at a musical evening at Fairview, The Range, yesterday. They were assisted by their mother (Mrs. Barnett). The invited guests included Misses N. Coar, A. Thompson, M. Hooke, J. Hooke, N. Dove, J. Headrick, A. Fraser, B. White, V. Cameron, W. Stretton, A. Fraser, D. Brumm, B. Brumm, O. Richmond, F. Broome, E. Buzacott, J. Buzacott, P. North, and Forster (2) and Messrs. J. Headrick, A. Broadbent, F. Thompson, W. Orrick, G. Rennick, H. Brumm, W. Hamilton, G. F. Curry, J. Stretton, E. Davidson, J. Roericht, C. Hage, A. Carson, C. Davidson, Row. Hann, and Middleton.

On Tuesday last Mrs. N. R. Kirke gave an at home at her residence, Darimba, Dornoch Terrace, in honour of Mrs. H. J. Bannister, who is leaving Brisbane to reside in Rockhampton, where Mr. Bannister has accepted a position on the literary staff of the "Morning Bulletin," says the Brisbane "Telegraph" of Friday last. Mrs. Kirke received her guests in a gown of shell pink silk, with an overdress of grey net richly embroidered. Mrs. Bannister wore natter blue charmeuse, finished with touches of Bulgarian colouring, and a blue hat, with a white plume. A number of musical items were rendered by Mesdames Moody, Mills, Stewart, Wilson, and Kirke. A drawing competition was held, which caused much amusement. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. Hilton and Mrs. Hughes. A *joint afternoon tea* was served in the dining-room. The tables were decorated with a profusion of roses. Those who accepted invitations were Mesdames Hiron, Stewart, Walker, Mills, Cripps, W. Hiron, Crowther, Bourne, Hughes, Wilson, Moody, A. Hilton, Knapp, Moxley, C. Tarratt, F. Hilton, and Pierce and Misses Stewart, Tarratt, and M. Tarratt.

At a general meeting of the Hibernian

Assembly, held on Monday night, it was decided to hold the social, postponed from last week, tonight. It was also resolved to hold a plain and fancy and poster dress ball on the 8th of August in the School of Arts and to give prizes for the best single and double sets and for the best lady's and gentleman's poster dress.

Yet another old resident of the field has departed this life, says the "Gympie Times" of the 27th of June. Mr. John Power, of Mvull-trust, died yesterday. He was sixty-five years of age. He had been in Gympie, engaged for a considerable part of the time in mining, some nineteen or twenty years. He is survived by his widow and a family of three sons and three daughters, of whom one is Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mount Morgan, and two of the daughters are in the service of the Department of Public Instruction.

A special meeting of the Hospital Committee was held on Thursday, says the "Warwick Argus" of the 27th of June. There were present: Messrs. J. S. Berge (Chairman), A. E. Hardaker, R. J. Shilliday, P. Allman, and A. J. Cohercroft and Mrs. Hankins, Smith, Phillips, and Egan. Mr. Hardaker referred to the departure of the chairman for Ipswich. The Committee, he was sure, wished him every success and desired to congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion. Mr. Berge's public service had been characterised by vigour and ability. He was a man who was always faithful to his work, and it was gratifying to his old friends that their young townsman had risen to such a high position. He regretted that the cause of the transfer was the death of a late chairman of the Hospital Committee, Mr. Thomas Mowbray. On behalf of the Committee and Secretary, he presented Mr. Berge with a suit case, suitably inscribed. Messrs. Cohercroft, Shilliday, Allman, and the Secretary supplemented Mr. Hardaker's remarks, and, after Dr. Hankins had spoken on behalf of the honorary medical staff, Mr. Berge replied in suitable terms.

Advised by the last mail notify the visit in August to Australia of the Rev. G. M. Sheldon, D.D., of Topeka, Kansas, United States. Dr. Sheldon is known as a prominent social service leader and author of several works of Christian sociology. He is pastor at large of the Congregational Church, Topeka. The object of his visit is primarily to obtain first-hand knowledge of the results of social and industrial legislation in these lands.

Rockhampton, July 2.

Bishop Halford, who has been visiting the western districts, will return by this morning's goods train.

The Rev. Messrs. C. M. E. Hicks, E. H. H. Coulcher, and W. J. Park will arrive from the west by this morning's mail train. They will be the guests of Bishop Halford at Lis Escep.

The Rev. P. Demuth arrived from Mount Morgan yesterday. He is at Lis Escep.

The Rev. F. E. Maynard also arrived from Mount Morgan yesterday. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Crane, Union Bank.

Mrs. H. W. Parkinson left yesterday for Emu Park, where she will be the guest of Mrs. F. H. V. Voss.

Mrs. W. K. Dalzell and Miss Dalzell (Dalzi), who have been staying at the Criterion Hotel, will leave by to-day's southern mail train.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Fairbairn left by yesterday's southern mail train for Brisbane. They were accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Stuart Balmuir.

Mrs. G. B. Gayer arrived last night by the s.s. Canberra and Mr. G. B. Gayer will arrive from Capella Downs this morning. They will stay at the Criterion Hotel.

The Rev. W. T. Hand (Urmont) arrived yesterday. He is the guest of Bishop Halford.

The Rev. L. Stewart Wall and Mrs. Wall were passengers from Blackall by yesterday's goods train. They left later for Enniskillen.

Mr. R. J. Crawford arrived by the Canberra last night. He is staying at the Criterion Hotel.

Mr. E. Wickham and Miss Wickham arrived from Townsville by the s.s. Arawatta. They are staying at the Criterion Hotel.

The Rev. G. Green arrived from Emerald yesterday. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chambers.

The Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie (Barvaldine) was a passenger by yesterday's western train. He is the guest of Bishop Halford.

Mrs. E. R. Lacombe entertained a few friends at an enjoyable afternoon tea at her residence yesterday in honour of her sister, Miss S. Richmond. The room was adorned with bowls of beautiful roses and ferns. Miss G. Richmond and Miss S. Richmond assisted in entertaining the guests. Those present included Misses N. Coor, A. Stuart, B. Curtis, I. Maries, H. Ogg, E. Ogg, A. Fraser, P. Hutton, N. Dove, J. Hooke, M. Hooke, F. Bond, J. Gibson, C. Gibson, P. Williams, M. Moir, D. Henschman, Priesman, and Forster (2).

Constable James King, who for the last two years has acted as orderly in the Rockhampton Police Court, and has completed fifteen years' service with the Queensland police force, has been granted seven months' leave of absence. He purposes leaving Brisbane by the Orient steamer Omrah on Wednesday next on

a visit to England, Scotland, Ireland, and America.

We are authoritatively informed, says the "Barcoo Independent" (Blackall) of Saturday last, that Mr. M. Ryan has been offered, and has definitely decided to accept, a seat on the board of directors of

The representative of the "Brisbane Courier" at Beenleigh, writing on Monday last, says:—"There was a very large attendance in the Beenleigh School of Art on Friday night, when a public sale of was tendered to Mr. A. H. Scott, Clerk of Petty Sessions, who has been transferred to Rockhampton. Mr. G. F. Douth presided, and, in making a presentation, which consisted of a writing attache case and a purse of sovereigns, said that Mr. Scott had been an ideal public servant. He expressed regret at his departure. Messrs. W. T. Clarke (Beenleigh School of Art), P. G. Schoknecht (Beenleigh cricket and tennis clubs), D. Locke (St. George's Church of England), and Sergeant Thies-

held referred to the services rendered by Mr. Scott to the town. The guest of the evening suitably acknowledged the presentation. Songs and musical items were given and dancing was indulged in."

Our Gladstone correspondent, writing yesterday, says:—"The Harbour Master, Mr. G. A. Cameron, who has been transferred to Brisbane, was the recipient of a gift from Pilot J. Paine and the Gairdrie Head lighthouse staff on Monday. Mr. Paine, on behalf of the members, expressed regret at Mr. Cameron's departure, eulogised his excellent management of marine matters, and extended best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron. The present was a gold-mounted fountain pen. Mr. Cameron suitably replied, thanking Pilot Paine and the staff for their gift and kind wishes."

The same correspondent writes:—"A very pretty wedding took place in the Presbyterian Church on Monday. The contracting parties were Miss Jean Allison, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Allison, and Mr. Stuart Harvey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harvey. There was a large gathering of guests and friends. The Rev. J. Gillespie officiated. The bride, who was charmingly dressed, was given away by her father. Misses M. Allison and L. Harvey were bridesmaids and Mr. Andrew Allison, junr., was best man. The wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents. The usual toasts were honoured. The gifts to the bride were both costly and numerous, including several cheques. The happy couple left by the mail train for

Rockhampton, where the honeymoon will be spent."

Our Blackall correspondent, writing on the 30th of June, says:—"Dr. L. M. McKillop, of Blackall, has been advised that he has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Health, London."

The same correspondent writes:—"Mr. A. M. Gibson, who has been Police Magistrate in Blackall for the last four years, will leave for Cairns on the 11th of July. His successor, Mr. Sullivan, is expected to arrive two days earlier."

Our Blackall correspondent further says:—"The Rev. L. Stewart Wall and family will leave Blackall by this morning's train for Tasmania. Mr. Wall will be succeeded as Vicar of Holy Trinity Anglican Church by the present curate, the Rev. T. Freeman. Last night a number of the parishioners assembled in the Parish Hall to say farewell to Mr. Wall. The Mayor, Alderman W. Atkinson, presided, and, in a neat speech, referred to the good work done by Mr. Wall during his residence in Blackall. He said that all who had come in contact with the reverend gentleman, especially those who had been associated with him in active church work, would regret his departure. In wishing Mr. Wall and family a happy and prosperous future, Mr. Atkinson handed him a well-filled purse of

and prosperous future. Mr. Atkinson handed him a well-filled purse of sovereigns. Mr. Wall appropriately replied. He said that although his future sphere of action would be far away he would always keep himself well informed as to the progress of Blueball, especially in regard to the affairs of the church."

Our local correspondent, writing on the 28th of June, says:—"News has been received of the death of Mr. H. Bignell, senr., at Dr. O'Brien's Limerick Hospital, Rockhampton, on the 18th instant, after an illness of three months. The deceased, who had been ailing for some months previous, took a trip with Mrs. Bignell to Tasmania in the early part of the winter for his health, but receiving a stroke of paralysis, incurred loss, hoping to reach home. He appeared to rally several times, but was unable to take nourishment, and slowly sank. Mr. Bignell was a colonist of over forty years. He was one of the oldest identities of this district and one of the largest property-holders in the town. He was held in the greatest respect here. He was a prominent townsman, being Treasurer of the Hospital and Chairman of the Progress Association. He left a widow and grown-up family of six sons and two daughters."

little, he practised much, and was a noble example of a good soldier of Christ who had fought the good fight. Mr. Cameron was one of the founders of the college. He recognised the necessity for a Presbyterian college in affiliation with the newly-formed university, and he it was who came forward with the first donation and encourage them all to go forward with that great project. Had it not been for the manner in which Mr. Cameron inspired confidence and gave encouragement, the college scheme might not have been so successful. Despite his illness, he was a most active member of the council of the college, and brought the spirit of determination into all the meetings. Mr. Cameron had bestowed many gifts on the church, but the greatest gift of all was his own wonderful personality. During the service the congregation sang Tenneyson's "Crossing the bar."

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church yesterday morning a service was held in memory of the late Mr. John Cameron, says the "Brisbane Courier" of Monday last. The service throughout was most impressive, and its solemnity was intensified by the playing of Handel's "Dead March" in "Saul." Dr. E. N. Merrington, M.A., in the course of a very able address, said that the congregation was mourning the death of one who had been most closely identified with the church. Mr. Cameron was a man who was actuated by courage in the face of difficulties and determination in the midst of discouragement, and his life was a noble example to a younger generation. His last days were full of faith and courage and wonderful peace. He had fought the good fight, and had been a faithful soldier of Christ. As a young man he had been a pioneer in the fullest sense of the word, sharing the dangers and hardships and perils of life in the far west, miles away from the centres of civilisation. He had the advantage of a noble mother whose devotion to her family could never be fully estimated, but which was shown in the life and character of her son. Dauntless courage, unswerving patience, devotion to duty, and conscientious perseverance were characteristics which marked the life of Mr. Cameron as a politician, as a citizen, as a councillor of Emmanuel College, and as an elder of the church. He took a very deep interest in all that pertained to the church and to the college, and his advice and encouragement cleared away difficulties on many occasions. All the members of the congregation knew that Mr. Cameron was with them. Professed little, he practised much, and was a noble example of a good soldier of Christ who