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LAST OF HIS GENERATION

Death of Mr. W. R. Sard

First Break in Family Circle

Last of his generation, and the first to die of a family circle of 34, Mr. William Richard Sard passed away on Sunday at his home, 59 Three Chain road, Solomontown. He was 74 years of age.

The record created by the Sard family in the matter of constitution is remarkable. There are 18 children and 22 grandchildren, and this week death has laid its hand on the circle for the first time.

Mr. Sard suffered no bodily anguish at the last. He lay in a state of coma for several days and quietly passed into the Unknown. His wife and the whole family were with him when he died.

Coming of fine old English stock, Mr. Sard was born at Port Adelaide in 1864, his parents having been among the early pioneers. As a boy he developed a love of mechanics and engineering, and he secured a job in the tanneries of his home district, and later at Port Adelaide flourmill.

Later he secured an enginedriver's ticket, and for several years was engaged in marine work, being engineer for a time on the old steamer Governor Musgrave.

In 1891 Mr. Sard was married to Miss Mary Gordon Kennedy, who came from a long line of Dumfriesshire Scotsmen. She was a Port Wakefield girl, and the ceremony was solemnized at Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide.

IN FINE 34 YEARS

In 1904 the growing family removed to Pirie, where Mr. Sard was engaged as fitter and enginedriver in Dunn's Flourmill. Later he entered the service of Adelaide Milling Company in the same capacity. He was made a life member of Waterside Workers' Federation.

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He then entered the Smelters, where he spent several years. Fifteen years ago his health gave way, due mainly to the industrial disease which then was more prominent than today. He made many trips between Pirie and Wardang Island with the Smelters barges, but in the past 15 years had done little practical work.

When William Richard Sard died there passed on one whom Australians term "a white man." His calling was his life's enjoyment, his home his hobby, and his wife and children objects of the affection of a perfect husband and father. He never sought public life, but he and his charming old helpmeet always displayed a keen interest in political and civic affairs. A heavy reader, he gathered wide knowledge of his country's affairs, which he loved to discuss.

The Anglo-Scottish union proved most successful, for five sons and five daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sard. All are happily married, with children of their own, and each one of them fully realizes the worth of the parent they have lost. He never indulged in intoxicating liquor, and was a non-smoker. An unusual feature of the training of his family is that none of the five sons smokes.


Mr. Sard had lived for 32 years in the one house, from which his remains were removed yesterday. The five sons and one grandson (George Pain) bore him to his final resting place.


With the widow the following children are left—Mesdames M. McBride (Hundred of Pirie), A. G. Tapley (Peterborough), C. G. Pain (Pirie), A. Collins (Wandearah East), and H. S. Edwards (Whyalla); Messrs. Will and Alan (Kilkenny), Gordon, Robert, and Colin (Pirie).


MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES

The interment took place in Pirie Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Rev. P. J. Lyndon conducted the ceremony at the graveside.

Floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. A. Dallaway and Neil, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. G. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Milnes and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Collins and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jarmyn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clegg and Mavis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards and Jun, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. R. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Collins.

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