

## OBITUARY.

### MR. JOHN BOWRA.

On Saturday last there died at his residence in Shearer-street, Highgate, Mr. John Bowra, an old and highly-respected citizen of Perth, and a colonist of nearly fifty years' standing. Mr. Bowra first arrived in Western Australia in 1842 with Her Majesty's 96th Regiment (foot) under Major Bush, father of Mr. R. E. Bush, now of Clifton Downes, Western Australia. In this regiment Mr. Bowra served for some years as a non-commissioned officer. From Western Australia at the end of the forties he proceeded with his regiment to India, and later accompanied it to the Eastern colonies, including Tasmania, when he purchased his discharge and came on to Swan River, the name by which this colony was then best known. Here Mr. Bowra established himself in business, following his calling as a watchmaker and jeweller. He was almost immediately on his arrival appointed horologist to the Government, which position he held up to within a few weeks of his death. The deceased married a daughter of the late Mr. George Rewell, another well-known Western Australian colonist. Mrs. Bowra predeceased her husband by about eighteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Bowra were well known for the wide hospitality which their home afforded and for their extreme good nature, which won for them a wide circle of fast friends not only in Perth but the more remote districts of the colony. Mr. Bowra was 75 years of age.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. W. A. Bowra took place on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended. The *cortège* left his late residence, Shearer-street, Highgate, at 4.15 for St. Alban's Anglican Church, Beaufort-street, where the Rev. F. J. Price conducted a special service over the remains. The pall-bearers were Messrs. G. Randell, M.L.C. (Colonial Secretary), J. J. Holmes, M.L.A., H. Strickland, sen., B. Ranford, sen., Albert Liddelow, and R. Buck—a comrade of the deceased in the 96th Regiment (foot). The chief mourners were Mrs. W. H. McGlew, Mrs. S. Nugent, and Mrs. J. B. Keaughran (daughters). Messrs. J. S. Bowra, W. C. Bowra, F. J. Bowra and H. Bowra (sons of the deceased), Mrs. W. C. Bowra, Mrs. F. J. Bowra and Mrs. H. Bowra (daughters-in-law), and Messrs. W. H. McGlew and J. B. Keaughran (sons-in-law), and Mr. W. Rewell, senr. (brother-in-

law), and Mr. W. Rewell, senr. (brother-in-law). The deceased leaves 41 grandchildren and nine great-grand-children. A large number of wreaths, crosses and flowers were placed on the coffin, which was made of polished jarrah with black mountings. The Rev. F. J. Price, assisted by St. Alban's choir, officiated at the grave. The arrangements were carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. M. O'Dea, of the firm of Bowra and O'Dea, Mackie-street.