

## Death of An Old Colonist.

On Friday evening last a very old identity of the Toodyay district, in the person of Mrs Charles Lloyd, relict of the late Mr Charles Lloyd, of "Calbaline," Toodyay, passed away at her residence. Mrs Lloyd had for some time been failing, and about three weeks ago took to her bed. The late Mrs Lloyd was born at Deepdale, Toodyay, in 1841, and was therefore 73 years of age at the time of her death. She married in her 20th year Mr Charles Lloyd, who predeceased her in April 1910. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd took up their residence at "Nardie," where they resided by about four years when they removed to "Calbaline," which Mr Lloyd had transformed from a wilderness into a farm. At "Calbaline" happy and industrious days were spent, closing with a well rounded life. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of the late Mr James Sinclair, of "Dumbarton." Two sisters—Mrs J. M. Lloyd, and Mrs J. A. Wroth, of Toodyay—and four brothers—Mr John Sinclair, and Thomas Sinclair, of Northam, and Mr. George and Mr. W. R. Sinclair, of Toodyay—survive her. There were 12 children by the marriage, the eldest being Jane Rachael Matilda (wife of Mr W. Wroth, of Toodyay), Charles James Lloyd, Alfred George Lloyd, David Edward Lloyd, Samuel Thomas Lloyd, Linel Taylor Lloyd,

Thomas Lloyd, Linel Taylor Lloyd, all of Toodyay; Elsie Miriam (now Mrs W. Annois, of Victoria) and Mabel Millicent (now Mrs Herbert Monger, of Northam). Three children died in infancy. The tragic death of Burdett Constance May (the late Mrs J. Sherridan) who was her youngest daughter, and her constant companion until her marriage, was a terrible shock, and from which she never recovered. There is little doubt but that grief through the untimely death of her youngest born had much to do with the decline that resulted in her death.

When referring to the passing away of the earlier generations of this and other districts of West Australia, it is almost superfluous to mention that the late Mrs. Lloyd bore her full share of the heavy trials and vicissitudes that were the lot of settlers in a new country. Sheep in the early days was the late Mr Lloyd's chief mainstay. Toodyay was but a depot in those times, trading being done with Guildford. There were few conveniences, but there was a doctor (the late Dr Grouse) who was appointed by the Imperial Government, and who in those days of long distances and bad roads was just as much a hero as those who win fame on the battlefield. Just as history repeats itself, so the late Mrs. Lloyd had experience of flood, drought and other tribulations that periodically devastate a country. One year the drought was so bad that stock were driven down to the Wooroloo poison infested country to take their chances.

infested country to take their chances. The late Mrs Lloyd saw three forms of Government in W.A.—Imperial, Representative and Responsible. From those early times Mrs Lloyd lived to see land taken up throughout the whole district and the town of Toodyay rise to its present importance. She leaves 23 surviving grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Sunday last, and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the old 'Nardie' cemetery, beside those of her husband and other late members of her family. The cortege left "Calbaline" and proceeded direct to the cemetery, where full Anglican service was conducted at the graveside by the Rev. E Saunders, B A. The pall bearers were Messrs A N Piesse, M.L.A., E E Twine, W H Slater, G B Whitfield, D L Leeder and C D McDermott. The mortuary arrangements were carried out by Mr J A Wroth.

There were a large number of wreaths.