

### DEATH OF OLD COLONIST.

The death occurred recently at East Guildford of Mrs. Mary Morley, widow of the late Henry Morley, of Chittering. Mrs. Morley was born at Guildford in 1845, being the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, who arrived in Australia in 1831. Her mother died when she was nine days old and she was reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ferguson, of Toodyay, where Mr. Ferguson was the first blacksmith.

Mrs. Morley was married from their home by the late Mr. Charles Harper, then rector of Toodyay, to the late Henry Morley, and spent 50 years of her life on his farm in Chittering. For many years she worked with her husband on the farm. They had nine children. Mrs. Morley and her husband took a great interest in the welfare of the district and were keen church workers. In conjunction with the late Archdeacon Brown, they were mainly instrumental in the erection of Holy Trinity Church, Chittering; also the State school and later the public hall. Before the erection of the church, divine services were held in their home, marriages, christenings and confirmations frequently being solemnised beneath their roof. They were to a great extent responsible for the establishment of the Chittering Road Board, of which Mr. Morley was the first chairman, and Mrs. Morley started the first Sunday school in the district. Their home was always open to travellers and their generous hospitality was well known in the district. Mrs. Morley will long be remembered for her care of the sick, and on many occasions she rode miles on horseback to attend a sick bed.

Mrs. Morley was buried at Chittering beside her late husband and close by the church in which they were both so interested. She leaves three sons and three daughters, 30 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.