

Death of Mrs. Mary Hoddy.

Gradually the pioneers of our district are crossing that bourne from whence no weary traveller e'er returns. Mrs. Mary Connor Hoddy, widow of the late William Hoddy and mother of Messrs. A. J. Will and Jas. Hoddy of Goomalling passed from our midst on Tuesday night. The deceased lady was born in the year 1826 at County Kerry, Kilmore, Ireland, and arrived at Fremantle on January 3, 1853 in the good ship "Tavinco," in company with some other ladies of the same calibre, amongst whom were the late Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. Atkinson. Mr. John French of Irishtown was also a shipmate. Shortly after her arrival Mrs. Hoddy became acquainted with her late husband and was married in Toodyay, and has been a resident of the Toodyay district ever since. The late Mr. Hoddy predeceased his esteemed wife in 1902, at the age of 75. The fortitude displayed on the loss of her husband by the deceased lady was indeed one long to be remembered by her family and those who knew her. She had during her life endeared herself wherever she was. Her kindly generosity and Christian life being an example imitated by many but excelled by none. Of a family of six sons and three daughters, but four sons (Messrs. Andrew, Will, Jim and Peter), and one daughter (Mrs. Young of Perth) survive to mourn her loss. Deceased had twenty-one grandchildren, who survive her. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning, and was attended by representatives from all parts of the district. The cortege proceeded to St. Joseph's Church and thence to the Northam cemetery, the burial service being read by the Rev. Fr. Walsh. The chief mourners were the four sons, the daughter and Mr. J. White (grandson). The pall-bearers were Messrs. M. J. Fitzgerald, A. O. Freind, M. Woods and S. Ison. Numerous wreaths and floral tributes were forwarded, amongst which were those from Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morrell, Mr. and Mrs. Ison, Mr. and Mrs. Swee Loong, Little Jack Swee Loong, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McManus and Felix, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoddy, Mr. James Hoddy, Mr. and Mrs. A.

James Hoddy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Young (daughter and son-in-law), little Alick (grandson), Jim and Pearl Maggie and Sam, and Lionel and Maitland (grandchildren), Mr. and Mrs. Martin Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. W. Purslowe.