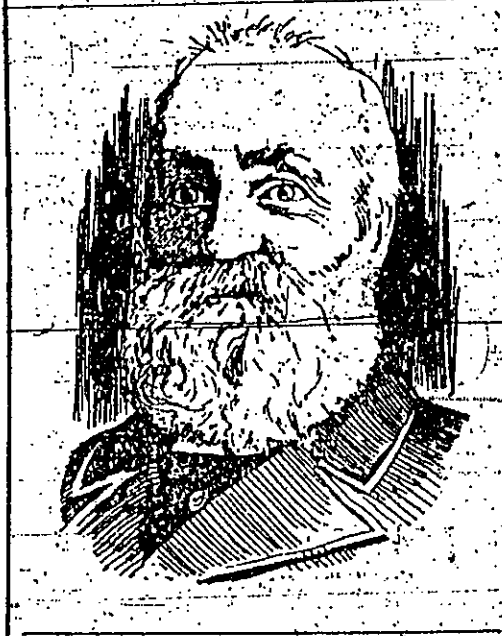


DEATH OF MR. WM. ARNOTT.

The news of the death of Mr. Wm. Arnott which will eventuate at Arnott Holme, Strathfield, at a late hour last evening, will be received everywhere with the deepest regret. The deceased gentleman left Newcastle nearly two years ago, and took up his residence at Strathfield. He had been in falling health the whole of that time, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Arnott was born in Edinburgh in 1827, and came to New South Wales when but 20 years of age. He began business in Hunter-street as a baker in 1865, and having made a success of this, he established the present large factory in Melville-street, Cook's Hill, which has since undergone remarkable expansion, and now finds employment for hundreds of men, boys, and girls. Of late years the conduct of the business has been



largely directed by his sons. Apart from business, he was widely known in connection with the religious and charitable institutions. For 22 years he was superintendent of the Newcastle Wesleyan Sunday School, and for six years held the same office in the Wesleyan Sunday School at Mayfield. Mr. Arnott was devotedly attached to his church, and liberally supported it. He took a keen interest in the Newcastle Benevolent Society, having been hon. treasurer to the committee from the inception of the society, in 1835. In 1897 he became president, in succession to Mrs. J. C. Ellis, a post he continued to hold up to the time of his death. He was president of the Newcastle Young Men's Christian Association for nine years, prior to 1897, and was one of the strongest supporters of the movement. He was a well-known figure in all kinds of religious and philanthropic meetings, at which his capable chairmanship made him a desirable leader. In the early days of the Benevolent Society, the deceased gentleman bequeathed £1000 to that institution, and in all charitable matters he was ever to the fore, his cheque being always available whenever a deserving case was brought under his notice. As a citizen he was respected and esteemed by all classes of the community, while in commercial circles he was known throughout the length and breadth of Australia as a business man of integrity and high principle. Mr. Arnott leaves a widow and grown-up family of seven sons and five daughters. The funeral is to take place tomorrow afternoon, leaving the deceased's

late residence for the Rookwood Cemetery

THE LATE MR. ARNOTT.

REV. GEORGE LANE'S TESTIMONY.

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At the funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Arnott, at Rockwood, on Wednesday, the Rev. George Lane, president of the Wesleyan Conference, who delivered the address at the grave, made feeling reference to the deceased gentleman. Mr. Arnott, he said, was one of his oldest personal friends, and one he held in the very highest esteem. It was in his (the speaker's) early manhood that he first met Mr. Arnott, and on that occasion he was given an instance of his characteristic kindness. And the last time he saw him witnessed a similar kindly act. He had known Mr. Arnott since 1858, and must therefore be considered warranted in saying a few words on such an occasion. Mr. Arnott was, when they first met, a citizen of West Maitland, and a member of, and good friend to, the Wesleyan Church there. He was then, as he had been ever since, open-handed, simple-hearted, generous, a good citizen, and an excellent man. He (Mr. Lane) remembered when reverses overtook him, and a storm burst upon him which would have crushed most men. But Mr. Arnott breasted the storm, and succeeded in reaching the haven of prosperity, honour, and comfort. They all knew how he had been for many years one of the captains of industry, a large employer of labour, and the founder of vast business concerns. And in all stations, and at all times, he was a man of stainless honour and unimpeachable integrity. As such they would carry him in their memories, though they would miss his manly form, his open countenance, and his kindly voice. All the characteristics that had won their admiration, lived in their memories, and would never die. Many knew of Mr. Arnott's excellences of character in the world of commerce, but he (the speaker) was one to whom it was given to know him in his home—a beautiful home in all that is required to make a home truly beautiful. With others, he was able to testify to, what their friend had been as a son to his aged mother, in her last days, as a husband, and as a father to a family which now blessed his memory. He had been blessed with a noble woman for his wife; and the oneness of the pair was wonderful. Their beautiful sympathy, and union of heart and purpose, had resulted in the general family love which characterised all their offspring. Many knew as much of Mr. Arnott's Christian life as he (Mr. Lane) did, but his early fellowship in Christ with the deceased led him to feel assured that he had always been a humble, sincere, and consistent Christian. He had always been a friend of the minister stationed near him, not only with his purse; but with his counsel and influence. And every effort for good, whether in Sydney, Newcastle, or elsewhere; and every worthy appeal for help met with a hearty response. They would not say he was perfect—no man ever had been but the Man, Christ Jesus. But William Arnott

Man, Christ Jesus. But William Arnott was a man whose type he prayed Almighty God to multiply in the land! We were always tempted to idealise departed friends—to cover their failings, and remember only their excellences. But little of this was needed in the present case. Would to God such men abounded in our midst! He had gone from them, and those who had knelt at the family altar under his roof, who had done church business with him in synod and conference would miss the clasp of his hand. They already missed the "touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." But as Christians, they knew that what was sown in weakness would be raised in power, and the day would come when the mortal part of their friend would be raised again. Their friend had been what the world called a successful man, but if he could return he would tell them that worth was greater than wealth, and that it was better to build up a character than a business or industry. He had felt it a duty as well as a privilege to lay this humble wreath of testimony on the coffin of one whom he had known so long and loved so much.

Among those present were the Rev. W. A. Rogers, secretary to the conference; the Rev. Dr. Sellers, D.D., chairman of the district; the Rev. C. J. Prescott, headmaster of Newington College; and the Revs. W. H. Beale, W. G. Taylor, J. E. Capruthers, J. E. Woolnough, J. A. Nolan, R. Caldwell, J. Hopkins, E. Fox, W. W. T. Pincombe, G. H. Middleton, F. C. Boyer, W. Wall, and R. East.

Among those who followed the coffin to the grave, and took part in the service, were six sons of the deceased gentleman, Messrs. William, Leslie, Samuel, Arthur, John, and Roger Arnott; his brother, Mr. David Arnott; his brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Moxey; his sons-in-law, Messrs. E. Piper, J. S. Perry, J. Winn, and Dr. Mauder Jones; his nephews, Messrs. B. and W. Arnott; and a number of grandchildren, including Messrs. Arnott Piper, Leslie Piper, W. A. Winn, and Percy Arnott. There were also friends, including Messrs. W. Winn, R. H. Ducker, John Wade, W. H. McClelland, G. J. Wells, J. R. Houlding, S. Thompson, G. P. Lock, F. Ash, A. Hollinshead, Alderman G. Webb, H. Webb, W. Moxey (representing Ireland and Co.), J. Trewartha (representing F. Witherspoon), D. Morrison, J. Morrison, G. Strachan, E. B. Bayliss, W. F. Lawry, J. Wade, R. Sands, J. C. Ellis, A. Love, A. Phipps, W. Cowlshaw, J. Sands, J. T. Tillock, R. Nott, A. Love, G. P. Hardy, J. Terry, W. Scott, and others.