

DEATH OF MRS. MARY BEARD.

The death occurred at the Northam Hospital on Friday afternoon last of Mrs Mary Beard, aged 83 years, relict of the late Cornelius Beard. The deceased lady was a native of Limerick, Ireland, but came to this State many years ago, and for over 60 years resided in the Northam district. She was twice married, her first husband, Mr James Biddle, having died several years back. Much sympathy is extended to a large number of bereaved relatives. The funeral, which took place on Saturday afternoon, was very largely attended. Leaving Mr J. W. Purslowe's private mortuary, it proceeded to St. Joseph's Church, where the Rev. Father O'Donnell read the first portion of the burial service, the cortege then re-formed and moved to the Roman Catholic portion of the Northam Cemetery, where Rev. Father O'Donnell officiated at the graveside, the remains being interred in the family grave of the Biddles. The chief mourners were Mesdames F. Hitchcock, Joseph Beard and Walter Watson (daughters), Mr D. Biddle (son), Messrs C. Beard, F. Beard and R. Beard (step sons), Mrs Chas. Christmass and Mrs William Watson (step daughters), and Messrs F. Hitchcock, Walter Watson and Joe Beard (sons-in-law.) The pallbearers were Messrs L. Smith, A. Cooper, R. Dudley, J. M. Carroll, R. Lawrence and E. Dudley. Many wreaths and floral tributes were forwarded by sorrowing relatives and friends.

Mr J. W. Purslowe carried out the funeral arrangements.