DEATH OF A BENEFACtor: REV. O. B. WALeDRON-McCARThY.

Suddenly, on March 18 last, one of our Foundation Life Members died, the last link with one of the old Illawarra families. The Rev. Oswald Bruce Justin Vaughan Waldron-McCarthy was a descendant of Captain Charles Waldron, an early settler who met a tragically violent death which is the subject of one of our Society’s publications.

Bruce McCarthy was steeped in history, by birth as well as by predilection. When little more than a boy this student of Wollongong High School became a foundation member of the Society of Australian Genealogists, and rose to be its president for many years, and latterly one of its patrons. His studies culminated in a degree at Moore Theological College, and ordination. His association with history extended not only to our Society, but to the Royal Australian Historical Society. In addition he was rector of several Anglican Parishes in Sydney, where he saw to it that a lively, devoted and active approach to his pastoral duties still left time for his historical and genealogical interests. In recent years he was in semi-retirement, dying unmarried, a rather sad and lonely man yet with a rich experience and wide interests within him.

The Society has just been notified by his executor that he has bequeathed to us a number of personal effects of antiquarian and local historical importance, together with a cash sum of $200. It is typical of the man that he has left his distinctive mark even after death.

—E.B.