the exact tracks that were taken by the explorers. This work was done in sections, and at different times. The greatest difficulty the party had to overcome was to cross the Murrumbidgee when in partial state of flood. In summer on one occasion I forded the stream, which was then less than three feet deep, at the exact spot where the party had had such difficulty in getting over. Notwithstanding his strenuous life, Angel lived and was active to a very advanced age. I believe he lived to ninety-two years.

—JAMES GORMLY,
“Exploration and Settlement in Australia.”

"THE PORT OF WOLLONGONG" MARK III:

One of the Society’s best-known publications, “The Port of Wollongong,” by C. W. Gardiner-Garden (Honorary Life Member and former Hon. Research Secretary), has been out of print for some years, during which we have received many inquiries for it. We are pleased to say that it has now been reprinted by the Society, with Mr. Garden’s text unaltered, but with numerous additional illustrations.

The scope of the work is wider than the title might suggest—it is in effect a history of Wollongong before the railway came. Time has proved its value: this is the first of the Society’s publications to go into a third edition—a distinction achieved by few works on local history anywhere.

By a lucky chance the appearance of the new edition coincided with Jock’s seventy-sixth birthday. Congratulations and best wishes from us all!

(Obtainable from the Museum, or from the Hon. Secretary, Box 1030, P.O., Wollongong, 2500. Price $1.25 plus 30c. if posted).

AND BILL’S ON THE RAILS AGAIN:


(More on this later; but, if you haven’t heard of it before, the Pichi Richi railway was part of the South Australian narrow-gauge section of the original transcontinental route).

A SCHOOL FOR CHARCOAL:

A public meeting at the Farmer’s Hotel, Charcoal, on 17th November, 1875, resolved “that it is desirable that a Public School be established at Charcoal”; appointed a committee to further this object, and another committee “to wait on W. W. Jenkins, Esq., to respectfully request that gentleman to grant a site of two acres of land in a suitable position for the proposed school.”

From the speakers’ remarks it appears that there were two denominational schools (denominations not stated) at Charcoal, and (despite much polite verbiage) that they were not particularly satisfactory.

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome to membership of the Society Mrs. J. Clough (Woonona) and Mr. D. Taylor (Mount St. Thomas).