OBITUARY:

In the Annual Report and at the Annual General Meeting reference was made to the loss suffered by the Society in the deaths of Mr. C. W. Gardiner-Garden (Honorary Life Member), Mr. W. Simpson (Foundation Member and Life Member) and Dr. A. Cameron Armstrong (Member).

Mr. Garden was one of the Society's oldest and, while his health permitted, one of its most active members. Another member of equally long standing has contributed a note on his services which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. William Simpson was one of Wollongong's best-known citizens. He came to Australia from Cowdenbeath, Scotland, as a small boy, and had lived in Wollongong for many years. He was chairman, deputy chairman or a director of many local companies, and a Deputy Sheriff of the Supreme Court. His innumerable other interests included the Wollongong A.H. & I. Society, of which he was President for several years, Wollongong Apex Club, St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Chamber of Manufactures, the Illawarra Retirement Trust and the Illawarra Regional Development Committee. His public services were recognised by the award of Membership of the Order of the British Empire.

Dr. Allan Cameron Armstrong, a leading Wollongong orthopaedic specialist, was a comparatively recent recruit to the Society, but had become a familiar figure at our monthly meetings and had taken a great interest in historical work. He was a descendant of "Old Bedad" Armstrong, a pioneer of the Kiama district, and had contributed to this Bulletin and addressed the Kiama Society on the history of his family.

The Society's sympathy was extended to Mrs. Garden and Mr. Tony Garden, Mrs. Simpson and her daughters (Mrs. R. James and Miss J. Simpson) and Mrs. Armstrong and her son.