

LATE A. J. WESTON, OF "KIAMA INDEPENDENT"

Our Society records its regret at the passing of Mr. A. J. (Bert) Weston, proprietor of the "Kiama Independent" newspaper.

Although Mr. Weston was not a member he was one of our greatest supporters and in earlier years addressed the members. At exhibition time he lent some of his picture collection for display and during the past two years has made available his entire collection for copying by our Past President and Research Secretary. Reproductions of the pictures are now housed in the local proprietor of the "Kiama Independent" newspaper.

Through Mr. Weston's advice and assistance the Research Secretary located historical material which has subsequently been donated and placed in the Mitchell Library for permanent preservation.

Mr. Weston's death on June 10 came after a long illness, during which he gave a great amount of time to the preparation of the centenary issue of his paper, which will appear close to the centenary date, July 7, the paper having been in the hands of the Weston family for 100 years.

Mr. Weston's work for that edition is being completed by our Research Secretary for Mrs. Weston, who will carry on the paper in the family tradition.

The Society was represented at the funeral by two Past Presidents, Messrs. Gordon Worland and William Bayley. Our condolences are expressed to the widow and three sons of Mr. Weston, who was held in the highest esteem along the Illawarra coast and beyond.—**W.A.B.**