OBITUARY—MISS LILLIAN DENNIS:

We record with regret the death, after a long illness, of Miss Lillian Denniss of Keiraville. Her family were pioneers of the Dapto district, Richard and Sarah Denniss having settled at “Gate Farm”, Marshall Mount Road, within a short time of their arrival in Australia in 1838 in the barque Westminster (the same ship which brought the Pipers and the Thomases). Her brother, the late Mr. David Denniss, was an authority, and the author of numerous Press articles, on the history of Dapto and surrounding districts.

Miss Denniss herself was best known to us as an enthusiastic supporter of the Society’s Museum. She took a keen interest in its establishment from the beginning of the project, and probably no one was responsible for more of the initial exhibits, both by her own numerous and generous contributions, and by those she obtained for us from her friends or enabled us to secure. She maintained her interest up to the time of her last illness, and continued to produce further frequent contributions. The Society is deeply indebted to her, and the Museum in particular will be the poorer for her passing. Our sympathy is extended to her surviving brother, Mr. Stanley Denniss of Keiraville, and other relatives.

—W.G.M.

MR. N. S. KING:

With sorrow we record the passing of Norman Spencer King, past President and life member. Our late member died on August 15 in his 89th year, being privately cremated on August 17.

Norman and Mrs. King (who predeceased him some years ago) joined the Society in 1957 and immediately involved themselves in all of its activities. He became a councillor in 1962, Senior Vice-President in 1963-64, and President in 1965, serving with enthusiasm and old-fashioned dignity.

Interested in research, he lectured to and on behalf of the Society, and published three books dealing with the history of Austinmer and its neighbourhood. On one occasion he arranged a special meeting at the suburb he loved so well. Although not seen at the meetings over the last two or three years, he sent us regular communications.

Concerned with all community affairs, he was widely known in musical circles, wherein he spent his professional life. In World War II he served in an administrative capacity on work of national significance.

To his family we offer our deepest sympathy.

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Our condolences are also extended to Mr. J. P. Comerford and Miss E. J. Hotchkis in the sad passing of his wife and her father respectively.

— A.P.F.