THE BEATTIE FAMILY—AND BRICKY FARMER:

Mr. Roy Grenfell, Hon. Life Member, and one of the Society's most active members and most faithful workers in its earlier years, has replied to the two requests for information in the May Bulletin. His letter, in part, is as follows:—

John Beattie, born in 1830

I think it would be a logical assumption that the Mr. Beattie who lived in Market Square and who was a coach owner at the turn of the century would be his son. His horse coaches were very popular at week-ends with picnickers to Brown's apple orchard behind Mount Keira, before the area was taken over by the Water Board.

Mr. Beattie's son Norman plied a motor bus picking up and taking passengers to and from the railway before taxis took over. A fourth generation of the family is N. G. Beattie of 41 Thalassa Avenue, Corrimal.

Bricky Farmer

I knew this gentleman in Mount Morgan between 1917 and 1921, when I transferred to Port Kembla, and again when he took up residence in Wollongong when he linked up with Australian Iron & Steel Ltd., continuing here until his retirement. He was always known as Bert Farmer, and there is no doubt he was the former International Rugby Union player.

In later years he was a member of the Wiseman Park Bowling Club. I think the mention of taking up a position with a refinery at Port Kembla assumed it to be the E.R. & S. Co., which the Mount Morgan Company owned at that time. It was probably thought to be a transfer.

I attended the late Mr. Farmer's funeral service in St. Michael's Pro-Cathedral but cannot place the date, though it would have been in the past ten years.

A son of the late Mr. Farmer worked at the C.R.M. works at Port Kembla in the 1930-40 period.

Kind regards to all my old friends in the Society.

(Thanks, Roy—let's hear from you again!)