A WORD OF THANKS

It is with the greatest regret that the Council of the Society learned of the retirement from the business of Mr. John Spence, of Tubman and Spence Pty. Ltd., the company which for many years has printed the Society’s Bulletin. We are particularly sorry to learn that Mr. Spence’s retirement has been partly prompted by ill health.

The Society’s relation with Mr. Spence has been far more than merely commercial. Financially he has treated us more than generously. He has always taken a keen interest in actual production, and when he set the type up there was very little for the proof-reader to do. He has always been ready to go out of his way, and to take any amount of trouble to ensure that the Bulletin would be satisfactorily and punctually produced. We could not have been more fortunate in our printer. At all times, and in all ways, Mrs. Spence has ably and willingly co-operated, and to her also, we express our thanks and gratitude.

In recognition of Mr. Spence’s services to the Society he was elected in 1983 to Honorary Life Membership. In wishing him a speedy return to health and a long and happy retirement, we also express the hope that he will retain his interest in the Society, and that we will see him and Mrs. Spence at Society meetings and excursions.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome as a new member Mrs. Linda Robinson of 7 Hibiscus Place, Farmborough Chase.

“NO SICH PERSON”

We hear that, on the strength of the Italian-sounding name of Burelli Street, enquiries are being made for a Signor Burelli, after whom it is presumed to have been named.

Alexander Stewart, however, in his account of the laying-out of the original town by Major Mitchell, says, “Burelli is a native name, but I don’t know what it means”. It appears on Mitchell’s map of Illawarra in 1834, as the name of a point on the escarpment, probably the summit behind Kembla Heights. This would fit in with the naming of Keira, Kembla and Corrimal Streets after local mountains (Mount Corrimal or Korrimal being now better known as Broker’s Nose).

But as for Signor Burelli, as far as we know, “there ain’t no sich person”.