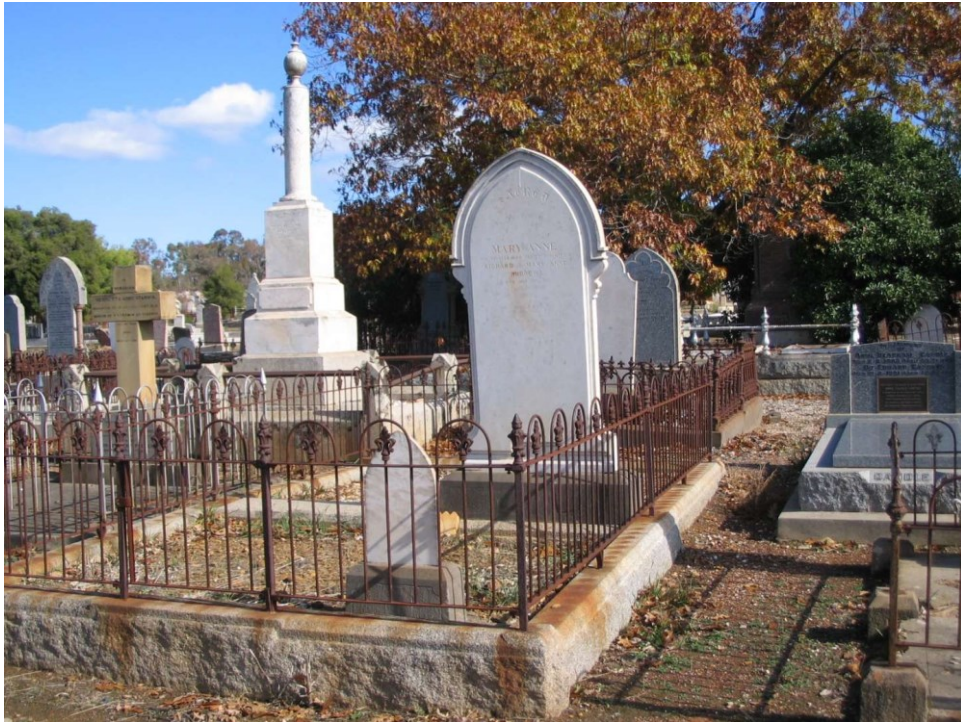


Bendigo Cemetery



Notes for Richard Andrews Grave #4757 in section E4.

Richard is not named on the headstone for this double grave.

The smaller headstone on the grave has no inscription.

No information about this is known to the compiler.

Richard died in 22/02/1887 aged 73 and was buried on 23/02/1887.

Richard Andrews seems a very notable person in the individual qualities he displayed in his working life in Sandhurst. He was well read in English literature, and spoke French like a native, his acquaintance with Greek was creditable, and few were better in Latin, while he possessed an exceptionable knowledge of the Spanish language and literature.

He was a writer, poet and editor of the local paper in the 1850's.

Richard Andrews was one of the original Bendigonians.

More information on the Bendigonians can be read [here](#).

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Large headstone

Sacred to the memory of
MARY ANNE
the beloved and eldest daughter of
RICHARD and MARY ANNE
ANDREWS
died July 24th 1873
Aged 27 years

"And I heard a voice from heaven
saying unto me, write,
Blessed are the dead,
which die in the Lord, from
henceforth, yea saith the spirit, that
they may rest from the labours, and
their works do follow them."



Small headstone - no inscription.



The following people were buried in this grave #4757 Sect E4 as per cemetery records.

- 4757 ANDREWS Mary Anne 24/07/1873 26/07/1873 27 yrs
- 10210 ANDREWS Richard 22/02/1887 23/02/1887 73 yrs
- 11235 ANDREWS Baby 7/10/1889 S/born
- 14746 ANDREWS Hopper Harold 27/01/1898 2 mths
- 14836 ANDREWS Robert Edward 17/03/1898 5 yrs
- 17232 ANDREWS Annie Edith 1/12/1902 8 mths

19628 ANDREWS Mary Anne 20/01/1908 88 yrs
24975 ANDREWS Jane 26/02/1921 70 yrs
28376 ANDREWS Edward Robert George 26/02/1930 67 yrs
30072 ANDREWS Edith Sarah 2/02/1935 68 yrs
31807 ANDREWS Florence Susannah 27/12/1939 81 yrs

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Richard Andrews

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DEATH OF MR RICHARD ANDREWS

Death continues to make havoc amongst the ranks of the old Bendigonians, and the community will learn with feelings of deep sorrow that the latest who has been cut down is Mr Richard Andrews, late secretary of the Bendigo Gas Company.

For some months he has been in failing health, and his demise, which took place at his residence, Quarry Hill, Sandhurst, yesterday morning at six o'clock, was not altogether unexpected. The deceased gentleman was one of the prominent connecting links between past and present Bendigo, and his well known face will be missed, for he was held in universal respect and esteem. We know very little of his early life.

He was born near London, in 1813, and for some time occupied a confidential position in a firm largely interested in the Spanish trade, and which took a chief part in laying the foundation of the present P and O Company. It has also been said that he was connected with the English Embassy in Spain. He was remarkably well read in English literature, and spoke French like a native; his acquaintance with Greek was creditable, and few were better up in Latin, while he possessed an exceptionable knowledge of the Spanish language and literature.

Having strong literary tastes it is not surprising that for years he was more or less connected with the press. As a writer he had a fine light style, brilliant and full of humour. The poetic fancy was strong in him, and several of his effusions published on Bendigo possessed great merit.

Many will remember his ode on the opening of the International Exhibition in Melbourne, and also a charming little piece to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the occasion of her birthday, 24th May, 1882, the last verse of which is as follows:-

"Good angels guard thee! Blessings on thee wait!
Long may thy land proudly and fondly hold thee!
And, in the golden sunset of thy fate.

Heaven's gentle arms lean loving to enfold thee,
In bliss and peace - Never to cease! -
And the guns thundered, and the joybells clashed,
And through the world the prayerful message flashed
God bless the Queen!"

In 1851 he arrived in Victoria, and for some months was employed at Hughes' Wharf, Melbourne. During that time he gratified his predilections by contributing a series of very interesting papers to the Argus under the nom de plume of "Peter Possum."

The gold discoveries attracted him to Bendigo in July, 1852, and he pitched his tent at Back Creek, then in the full blaze of its golden glory. As the diggings were shallow he worked by himself, but his disposition being of too genial a character for the lonely life of a "hatter," he soon found a mate, and for twelve months worked with Mr C H Collier, of this office, in the neighbourhood of Sheepshead and New Chum.

Though the pick and shovel were plied late and early, and deceased was quite an adept at the puddling tub, and rocked the cradle with care, fortune did not smile as anticipated, and he turned his attention to other pursuits.

In 1853 the "Bendigo Bank," the first institution of the kind on this goldfield was opened as a private speculation, and Mr Andrews became connected with it. Two gentlemen were conspicuous in this venture, one of whom - Dr Hugh Smith - part proprietor - risked his money in erecting the bank building, and the other, the manager, Mr E N Emmett, who possessed a genius for financing, a lively imagination, and a hopeful disposition that no difficulties could daunt, contributed his experience.

The erection of this bank was a memorable event, and in a city of calico tents and bark huts, it possessed the same relative grandeur of appearance, and dimensions that modern bank structures still do to the majority of neighbouring business premises. Its walls were weather boards, its floor clay, and its counter rough pine boards.

On the counter stood the scales and weights used in buying gold, against the wall behind the counter were a couple of stretchers and blankets and a small iron safe, while above each stretcher on the wall, so as to be handy, was an old gun and a pair of ancient pistols. This bank proved a grand idea and took immensely with the townspeople.

Its erection was at a period in the history of Bendigo when there were a good many people from "the other side" in the district, for whose control or eradication "Bendigo Mac" was specially appointed; a time when it was the correct thing for

everybody to fire off their pistols and guns each night and load afresh, not only to prevent mistakes through not going off when required but as a warning to all and sundry that there were protectors in the dwelling of a most effective kind.

As a commercial convenience and place of safety for valuables the bank had advantages - all the more on account of the "Treasury" - the little stone building on Camp Hill, now doing duty as police superintendent's office - not being considered altogether as safe as it might be, though guarded by soldiers of the gallant Fortieth, under the command of Captain O'Hara.

This sense of insecurity probably arose from a story circulated that the commanding officer walking down one evening to see if all was well, spied, as he supposed, the guard standing in a corner of the portico, but on challenging and getting no reply he approached nearer, and found that the figure was only the sentry's coat and hat fixed on the point of his bayonet.

Further inquiries discovered the sentry enjoying himself at Billy Heffernan's Shamrock Hotel, the then centre of musical attraction and good liquor. As this incident seemed to indicate that the treasury was not the most secure lodging place for gold to the value of a quarter of a million every fortnight, and as "safe as a bank," was a well known proverb, the rush to the new bank was tremendous.

Never was an institution of the kind started under auspices so favourable to its promoters. Scotch banking was nothing to it. Capital was not required, for no sooner were the doors opened than capital was steadily poured in with the most confiding faith, and great quantities of gold were bought. The method of managing the business was unique; it drew customers and became so popular as to be universally adopted.

A customer on entering would most likely find the manager in a free and easy way sitting stride legs on the counter, and the orthodox salutation, "Good day" was immediately succeeded by a courteous invitation to "have a nip."

There being no teetotal societies in those primitive days to disturb the pleasant current of life's joys, the rejoinder, accompanied with a pleased smile, was invariably "I don't care if I do." Forthwith the brandy bottle, at a guinea a bottle, was produced together with a water jug without a handle, and the nip, "good health" and business followed each other to the great satisfaction of all parties.

The cashier or teller was Mr Andrews, who in accordance with the prevailing **aesthetic** taste (*meaning concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty*) had a small black clay pipe in his mouth, and his time was pretty equally divided between chatting to the customer, cleaning and weighing gold, counting bank notes, and lighting his stump of a pipe with indifferent matches.

In this position he continued until the bank and its site were purchased by Mr Henry Miller (Money Miller) for the Bank of Victoria in 1854. The present handsome and substantial structure now stands on the site of the Bendigo Bank.

Amongst Mr Andrews' pleasures at this time, and since, was that of snuff taking, a custom brought from the old country, where it was almost universal, owing to fashion and the high repute of those celebrated manufacturers, Taddy and Co, who by a happy inspiration had hit upon a pleasantly flavoured article with inquisitively titillating powers.

He always carried his snuff-box with a Tonquin bean in it as a preservative of the fine aroma, and it was ever at the service of his friends at a pinch. In this city it is not uncommon to see a snuff box on office counters for the benefit of clients, and it was through Mr Andrews's habit that Mr Tolmie, manager of the National Bank, first introduced the snuff box into the banks of the city, the deceased usually supplying the requisite bean.

When his banking career was cut short by the sale of the bank property Mr Andrews found an engagement with Mr Harris, of View Point, as gold buyer and bookkeeper, his duties also including the keeping of the local books of the Provident Institute of Victoria, for which society Mr Harris was Bendigo agent.

This society, it will be remembered, went smash and caused great distress amongst many hard working people. Owing to his employer's bibulous propensities the whole burden of the business fell upon the shoulders of Mr Andrews. However he did not continue much more than a year in his situation, as in 1856 he succumbed to a severe attack of the gold fever, brought on by glowing accounts of discoveries in the Whipstick.

Shouldering his swag he proceeded there to try his luck once more at the gold digging, but success did not attend his efforts, and in 1858 he had returned to town life, and gratified his literary and commercial instincts, by becoming manager and editor of the "Mercury" newspaper.

The office of this paper was in Williamson Street, Sandhurst, near the site of the present Gas Company's buildings, and the hon J F Sullivan, Mr John M'Intyre, and Mr W Bannerman, were shareholders. It supported the O'Shannassy administration, but the paper had only a brief existence of twelve months.

At that time the accommodation provided by newspaper offices in Sandhurst was very inadequate, and editors very frequently had to write their articles elsewhere.

The Mercury and ADVERTISER exhibited much bitterness towards each other in their leading columns, and people expected to see the infuriated editors fly

at each other's throats whenever they met. Mr Andrews edited the Mercury, but in his frequent meetings at the time with the editor of this journal there was no feeling whatever shown on either side.

The astonishment of all beholders would have been tenfold had they been aware of the fact that the rival and apparently hostile editors actually wrote those fierce attacks upon each other at the same table, consuming the same midnight oil, and dipping out of the same ink bottle.

Now and again they would pause in their work, and each would wonder what the other was going to say about him in the next issue. Mr Andrews was also connected with other journalistic ventures, and for some time was editor of this journal. An incident in his career occurred about this time which brings out in strong relief his thorough honesty and honour.

It appears that two friends desired to start storekeeping in Market Square, but as the sum of £300 had first to be obtained, the money was borrowed from a well known medical gentleman, who is still hale and prosperous in the city. Mr Andrews and another backed the bill.

The storekeeping speculation having failed, the bill was not met by the borrowers. On learning of the dishonour, Mr Andrews, being the only solvent gentleman responsible, at once went to the lender and offered to pay the £350, but the worthy doctor, not to be outdone in generosity, refused to accept the money from him, and the bill remains in his possession unpaid to this day.

On the 14th March, 1860, Mr Andrews became secretary of the Bendigo Gas Company, and retained that position until a few weeks before the day of his death. He made himself thoroughly acquainted with all matters connected with the manufacture of gas, and under his direction the company prospered.

The company's office was a model of neatness, and the appliances for testing the quality of the gas and ascertaining the pressure, etc, were perfect. The company's exhibit at the first Juvenile Industrial Exhibition on Sandhurst, arranged under his instruction, was one of the most interesting of the exhibition.

Like many literary people his gastronomical knowledge was far above the average, and had fortune placed him in circumstances requiring the full development of skill in this direction he might have become as famous as **Soyer**. *Alexis Benoit Soyer (4 February 1810 – 5 August 1858) was a French chef who became the most celebrated cook in Victorian England. He also tried to alleviate suffering of the Irish poor in the Great Irish Famine (1845–1849), and contributed a penny for the relief of the poor for every copy sold of his pamphlet 'The Poor Man's Regenerator (1847)'. He worked to improve the food provided to British soldiers in the Crimean War.*

Examples of the Soyer stove (sourced from the internet).



A variant of the field stove he invented at that time, known as the "Soyer stove", remained in use with the British army until 1982.

As it was, he turned his acquirements to further the interests of the Gas Company by showing the benefits to be derived from the use of gas stoves.

Many ladies and gentlemen in Sandhurst will remember with pleasure the delicious little dinners - the legs and shoulders of mutton, the sirloins of beef, the chops, and the steaks all tender and juicy, and done to a turn, which he had cooked with accompanying vegetables by means of a gas stove in the office for their delectation and instruction.

Mr Andrews was the originator of the **Society of Old Bendigonians**. At his request a meeting of some of the oldest residents of Bendigo was held at the Bendigo Gas Company's office, Williamson Street, Sandhurst, on 26th October, 1869.

There were present - Messrs John M'Intyre (chairman), G Aspinall, J P Simpson, J H Abbott, G Brown, John Stewart, and Richard Andrews, and it was resolved the the Society of Old Bendigonians comprising all residents in Bendigo to 31st December, 1853, be established; that "the object of the society shall be to bring and keep together the old residents in Bendigo, and to encourage social intercourse amongst them, and so preserve the traditionary history of Bendigo;" that "in the year 1871 the residents of Bendigo dating not later than 1854 be eligible as members of the society."

The annual subscription was fixed at one guinea, Mr John M'Intyre was elected president, and Mr Richard Andrews the hon secretary. The embryo society continued to grow, and a meeting of members was held in September, 1870, at which the basis of the society and election of president and hon secretary were confirmed, and the following committee of management was appointed:- Messrs E Garsed, A Bayne, R R Haverfield, J H Abbott, John Stewart, A M Lloyd, G Brown, H Jackson and G Aspinall. On 31st October, 1870, the members list numbered 81.

At the annual meeting held on 31st October, 1871, Mr Andrews resigned office. Mr E Garsed was appointed hon secretary in his place, and the cordial thanks of the society to Mr R Andrews, for his valuable and efficient services, were ordered to be inscribed on the records.

He was also elected on the committee, and at the annual meeting held 6th November, 1872, he was elected president, but in 1873 he resigned, and Mr J H Abbott was appointed president; Mr G E Wells, hon treasurer; and Mr S G Cole, hon secretary, while Mr Andrews was again elected on the committee, and held office until 1874, when he ceased having official connection with the society. The anniversary gatherings of the society varied in character, sometimes they took the form of a picnic, sometimes a banquet, and at other times a ball, and the happiest relations were thereby established between the members.

It became a social power in the community of the best kind, while its benign influence extended far and wide. Ballarat and Bendigo had regarded each other with jealous eyes, but through the hearty fraternization of the old Bendigonians with the old Pioneers of Ballarat the unfriendly feeling was killed, and a kindly and helpful spirit substituted, which has grown stronger every year since. It was always a source of pride to Mr Andrews that so much good had resulted from his happy idea of forming the Society of Old Bendigonians. The motto of the society - "Respice, aspice, prospice" - was suggested and adopted on his recommendation.

Though he never aspired to any leading position the deceased gentleman took a very lively interest in political and municipal affairs, and by his high intelligence, shrewdness, tact and intimate knowledge of the ways of the world, made his influence felt. When Messrs Grant and Benson sought to represent Bendigo in Parliament he spoke strongly in their favour.

In 1868 the Borough Council of Sandhurst under the Mayorship of Mr John Holmes, decided to borrow £11,000, to be repaid with interest in ten years by a special rate, and to be spent as follows:- Baths, £1,000; market, £2,500; tree planting, £1,000; Town Hall, £3,500. The announcement took the ratepayers by surprise, the matter not having been publicly discussed. A strong opposition was aroused. Cr J M'Intyre, the Hector of the Council, supported the loan through thick and thin, and Mr Andrews championed the cause of the opposing ratepayers.

In this he was ably supported by Messrs J H Abbott, J Heffernan, M Moran and many other leading men of the borough. A public meeting was called and largely attended, and Mr Andrews made a vigorous and telling speech against the loan, contending that the procedure of the council was illegal, inasmuch as between the preliminary action of the council in proposing the loan and its final confirmation a council election ought to have taken place to give the ratepayers an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the subject.

He proposed the following motion:-

"That this meeting strongly disapproves of the proposition now before the Borough Council, for borrowing the sum of £11,000 upon the security of a rate of threepence in the pound, for the purpose of executing works mentioned in the Council's advertisement; it being the opinion of this meeting that with the exception of the market the works contemplated are not of urgent necessity, and that the proposed expenditure upon the Town Hall is especially objectionable."

Mr J H Abbott in a few pithy words seconded the resolution. An amendment was proposed by Mr E N Emmett in favor of the loan, and this was supported by Cr M'Intyre. Both these gentlemen by the tone of their remarks roused a perfect storm of indignation. The motion was carried, only eight hands being held up against it. Notwithstanding this decided expression of public opinion, the council, by a bare majority, confirmed the loan. Upon this the ratepayers formed a vigilance committee, and steps were taken to test the validity of the council's action.

Mr Andrews drew up a protest, and Mr Abbott and Mr J Heffernan in a very short time had it signed by most of the leading people of the town. The opinion of eminent counsel - Mr Martley, Mr Higinbotham, and Mr Fellowes - was obtained, and they pronounced against the council.

The protest and legal opinions were presented before the council, but unabashed at such an array of legal talent against them, the council majority determined to push on the loan, and strike the special rate. In the hopes of fortifying their position, they took the opinions of Mr Mackay and Mr Billing, but these lawyers cursed instead of blessed, and the loan was finally quashed, though Cr M'Intyre maintained to the last, and probably does so still, that he was right.

Mr Andrews having triumphantly carried the day, subsequently applied to the council for £27 19s expenses he had been put to on behalf of the ratepayers. Cr M'Intyre protested against being dragged at the chariot wheels of his opponent, and the council majority declined to receive the application. However, money was raised by public subscription to pay all expenses, and enough being left for the purpose the vigilance committee made Mr Andrews a life governor of the Bendigo Hospital in recognition of his public services on the occasion.

On another occasion he brought the council to its bearings though not appearing in the matter. The council had let the Bath Corner on a building lease for fifteen years, the full term allowed by the Act, but the same councillors in the conditions of the lease undertook to give a further extension of six years, making a twenty one years' lease in all.

When the fifteen years expired an attempt was made in the then council to deprive the lessee (Dr James Boyd) of the six years extension, but acting in a great measure under the advice of Mr Andrews the doctor succeeded in compelling the council to allow it.

Of the members of Mr Andrews' family, his son John, now dead, was chief clerk of the Mining department for several years. Another son is manager of the Bank of Victoria at Ballarat, and Mr E R G W Andrews is well known in Sandhurst musical circles. He leaves a widow and three daughters, for whom great sympathy will be felt.

The remains of the deceased gentleman will be interred in the Back Creek Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral taking place at four o'clock.

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Richard Andrews

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Death of Mr Andrews.

Much concern was evinced yesterday by those citizens who learned that Mr Richard Andrews, the late secretary to the Gas Company, had passed away early that morning. Some reminiscences of his life are given in another column, and we need only say here that the funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The place of interment will be the Back Creek Cemetery, and we have no doubt our lamented fellow citizen will be followed to the grave by a large number of his old friends.

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SANDHURST, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23, 1887
DEATH OF MR RICHARD ANDREWS.

The death of Mr Richard Andrews will be heard of with regret by a numerous circle of friends. The mournful event was by no means unexpected, as the deceased gentleman has been suffering from a wasting illness for many months past, from which it was evident that he could not recover. Happily he suffered no pain; but the depression consequent upon gradually and surely decreasing debility was terribly distressful to him and very shocking to others, by whom the lingering process of decay was watched.

Worn down absolutely to skin and bone he expired quietly at about six o'clock yesterday morning. A wreck is always a sad sight, and the nobler the vessel the more pitiful the spectacle. It was lamentable to see a man of the fine intellect of Mr Andrews fading away mentally as well as bodily, week by week and month by month. His memory failed him and for a long time past he had been unable to talk

coherently for more than a few minutes, whilst strange fancies, mostly of a grim and gloomy character, frequently took possession of his mind.

Although, therefore, all who know him will deplore the loss of a good and useful citizen, it will be felt that it is a mercy he has been at length released from his protracted sufferings. Identified with Bendigo from its very earliest days Mr Andrews has "in his time played many parts." In the primal alluvial days he wore the blue shirt and worked hard as a gold-digger.

He was the first bank manager, and one of the first newspaper editors of Sandhurst, and as our readers are aware, he was associated with the Gas Company for many years. He was the **founder of the Society of Old Bendigonians**, which he hoped to render a pleasant and useful institution, but Young Bendigo very soon "jumped the claim." Whether Young Bendigo has appropriated the motto adopted by Mr Andrews - aspice respice, prospice," we are not quite sure; but it is a legacy from the fine old man which should be deeply prized by our youth.

His memory will be treasured by all who have enjoyed his intimacy, and his services in the promotion of many important local movements may not be forgotten. He was a man of great attainments, of extensive reading, and of rare original ability. Some of his literary productions have been much and deservedly admired, and he was ever willing with his ready pen to advocate any good cause. Of a most kindly and amiable disposition, he made friends in all quarters and was esteemed and beloved by those akin to him, and by those who knew him best. And now that he has gone to join the great majority of his contemporaries, we may say of him and them with Longfellow:

How they so softly rest, All, all the holy dead!
And they no longer weep
Here, where complaint is still!
And they no longer feel,
Here, where all gladness flies!
And by the cypresses;
Softly o'ershadowed,
Until the angel
Calls them, they slumber!

An eminent writer has said "the sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced." It is a wound, he says, which "we consider it a duty to keep open." This is true as regards the memory of the dead whom we have long known and loved; and in the case of our departed friend numerous are the hearts to which the remembrance of his end will bear life long pain. Yet, whilst deep sorrow will be felt and expressed, there is consolation for his relatives and friends in the reflection that in the loosening of the silver cord - the breaking of the golden bowl, a deeply suffering spirit has been set free from the bondage of bitter

bodily affliction.

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FUNERAL OF MR RICHARD ANDREWS.

The last tribute of respect was paid yesterday afternoon to the remains of Mr Richard Andrews, which were interred in the Back Creek Cemetery. The funeral cortege assembled at deceased's residence, Quarry Hill, at four o'clock. The mourners were chiefly old Bendigonian men, who, like deceased, had made their mark in the city, and a few young Bendigonians who thus gave evidence of their appreciation of the efforts of one who had manfully helped to build up Sandhurst and its institutions.

Mr Farmer had the management of the funeral, and the arrangements were complete. On arriving at the cemetery gate, the coffin, on which were several beautiful floral wreaths, was borne on the shoulders of employees of the Bendigo Gas Company, of which deceased had been secretary for over a quarter of a century with credit to himself and profit to the company.

The pall bearers on the one side were Messrs R F Howard, O Cohen, W C Vahland, Mr Donovan (town clerk), and Mr Hopper, and on the other side Dr James Boyd, and Messrs R R Haverfield, A M Lloyd, R Burrowes, MLA, W G Blackham, and W Powell. Immediately following were the members of the deceased's family and friends, amongst whom were Mr P Hayes (Mayor of Sandhurst), Mr A Bayne, Cr Carolin, Mr George Mackay and other well known citizens.

The religious service were conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon MacCullugh, assisted by the Rev Mr Barnes, curate of St Paul's. At the conclusion of the services of the church, the Archdeacon paid a high tribute of respect to the deceased, speaking of him as a good citizen, a just and honourable man, generous and straightforward in all his doings, a kind and loving husband, an affectionate and considerate father, and a true and faithful friend. The proceedings terminated with the benediction.



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