

OBITUARY

THE LATE MRS. E. G. TILLEY

The death of Mrs. E. G. Tilley, of Torrens Street, Braddon, removes from our midst one of the best known and most respected personalities on the northern side of the Molonglo. Mrs. Tilley, who was only 35 years of age, came to Canberra nine years ago with her husband, who is an officer in the Prime Minister's Department. A fortnight ago deceased was compelled to enter Canberra Hospital, but despite skilled medical and nursing attention she passed peacefully away shortly after midnight last Friday. Before her marriage, the subject of this notice was Miss Elsie Pearce, of Coburg, Victoria, and during the last illness had the comfort of a visit from her mother. Deceased is survived by her husband and three little children (Peter, Christopher and Mary), the eldest of whom is only five years old.

The casket was brought to St. Patrick's, Braddon, and yesterday morning Mass was offered for the repose of deceased's soul by Rev. Father E. Barry, who had attended Mrs. Tilley in the Canberra Hospital and had administered the Last Sacraments. The funeral, which was the first to leave St. Patrick's and the first to take place in the new cemetery at Canberra, was largely attended by friends and sympathisers from all parts of Canberra and district. Noticed amongst the mourners were the office-bearers of the H.A.C.B.S. The prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. Father Haydon, assisted by the Rev. Fathers J. Twomey and E. Barry. At the conclusion of the prescribed prayers, Father Haydon said that although funeral orations at the graveside were against the custom of the Church, an exception might well be made on the occasion of the first interment in the Canberra cemetery which was that of a model wife and mother, whose death they all felt very keenly. They would all pray that God would send strength to the sorrowing husband and to the little children, whose ages deepened the poignancy of the bereavement. Nor would they forget to pray for the deceased in the beautiful prayer of the Church—"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine

O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen." The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. M. O'Rourke, Queanbeyan.