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Mr. James Forrester Sullivan died on 3rd February, at the age of 60 years, and the announcement was received with profound sorrow. Mr. Sullivan was a native of Ireland, and proceeded at an early age to America, where he fought in the Mexican War, having joined the Louisiana Volunteers, in which force he held the rank of lieutenant. Subsequently he came to Australia, and arrived on Bendigo in 1853, carrying on business with Mr. Reyfitch in the jewellery business in Camp street. Subsequently he purchased at an early Crown land sale the allotment at the corner of Bull street and Pall Mall, on which the Law Courts Hotel now stands. On this he erected a store, which was well known in the old days as the "Red Store," and here, having obtained the first wine and spirit license ever issued on Bendigo, he carried on the

business of a wine and spirit merchant for some time very successfully. Ultimately he sold his business to Mr. R. F. Howard. This was shortly after his election for Mandurang, which constituency he represented for several years. Mr. Sullivan was the prime mover in the establishment of the Sandhurst municipality in 1856. He was returned at the head of the poll at the first election, and was the second chairman. Together with Messrs. T. J. Connelly and R. Burrowes, he started the first fire brigade in Sandhurst in 1855. He was the first president of the committee of the Benevolent Asylum, in the foundation of which he took a very energetic part. He was also one of the prime movers in the formation of the Mechanics' Institute in 1854, and in 1856 he was elected president. He was amongst those who assisted in the



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establishment of the Bendigo Hospital: in fact, there was no movement during his residence in Sandhurst which had for its object the advancement of the place and the welfare of the public in which he was not concerned. Mr. Sullivan represented Mandurang till 1871, when he retired, and at his death he was member for Collingwood. He was Commissioner of Customs in the third Heales Government, being succeeded by Mr. T. Loader in that office. He was also Minister of Mines in the first and second M'Culloch Ministries, and it was while in this position that he was enabled to get the Government of the day to take up the Coliban scheme, and make a beginning with the work. "As a public man (said the "Advertiser" of 4th February, 1876), he possessed qualities which are invaluable, especially in young communities, and as

a politician he made a mark of which he might well have been proud. He was a forcible and fluent speaker, and always commanded attention and respect, whether on the platform or in Parliament. In private life he ever exhibited a generous and amiable disposition. A kinder or more benevolent man it would have been impossible to meet with anywhere. Yet with all his kindness and almost womanly softness of character in his communion with friends, and in his dealings towards the unfortunate and suffering, he possessed withal a brave heart, and was endowed with even iron nerves. It was not in him to flinch when faced by dangers or difficulties. He was indeed a gentleman and a soldier, every inch of him, and Sir James M'Culloch in the Legislative Assembly last evening truly described him when he said that "a more independent man, a truer man, or one more sensible and just, he had never known. Mr. Grant, than whom no member of the House knew him better, while endorsing the remarks of the Premier, alluded to the extensive fund of valuable information possessed by Mr. Sullivan, gathered from reading and travel. Everyone that knew him will remember how wonderfully well-informed he was in ancient and modern history, how intimate his knowledge of the works of the best standard authors, how great his love of the poets; and how retentive his memory with regard to all that he had read. He was far, however, from being a mere book worm, for he was a thoroughly practical and highly-experienced man—an active worker, a close reasoner, and a thinker who was aided in his conclusions by a well-selected and carefully stored fund of knowledge. Gone at last to his rest, he will leave behind him a memory that will not die in the hearts of his friends, so long as they remain on this side of the border, from whence he is never to return.

In moving the adjournment of the Legislative Assembly, Sir James M'Culloch said: "Mr. Sullivan has been for sixteen or seventeen years a member of this House, and during the greater part of that time I have had the honor of sitting in the House with him. For six or seven years I was a member of the same Government, and a more independent man or truer man, or one more sensible and just I never knew." Mr. Grant, as a former colleague of Mr. Sullivan, seconded the motion, and fully endorsed the high opinion expressed with regard to the deceased gentleman, by the hon. the Premier. He further alluded to the extensive fund of valuable information possessed by the late hon. member, gathered

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as it had been from reading, and from his residence in America.

The funeral took place in Melbourne on 5th February, and was attended by a number of prominent politicians. The pall-bearers were Sir James M'Culloch, Sir Charles MacMahon, Messrs. Angus Mackay, G. V. Smith, J. M. Grant, G. P. Smith, Ms.L.A., Mr. T. J. Connelly and Mr. Mark Foy. Amongst others present were:—Messrs. R. Burrowes, Smyth, Zox, Woods and Gattson, Ms.L.A., Gibbs, Myers, Edwards and Dr. Backhaus. The funeral service of the Wesleyan denomination was performed at the grave by the Rev. J. G. Millard.

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