

VALE - continued.

And another former resident of many years who has lived in New Zealand for the last 25 years or so, passed away at the Waitakire Hospital, Auckland on September 19th, after a long illness.

Charlotte Fish wife of late Charles Fish and prior to him, the late Mark Grand (she was known always as Madame Le Grand) . Mark Grand was Manager of Burns Philp in Kingston for many years. Madame Le Grand taught music to many of the island people - they will well remember her endeavours to make good pianistes out of them all!

Charlotte and her husband Charles lived at "Torrie Glen" on Queen Elizabeth Avenue , the rise in the road always called "Charlie Fish's Hill" - among the long time residents it is still known by that name. The property, before sub-division, was mainly farm and I can well remember the pineapples grown on the site at the far side of where Colony Lodge now stands.

An interesting historical snippet - in our copy of the Norfolk Island Pioneer of Monday, 18th May, 1885 it states that on 7th May, Miss Mary Adams, second daughter of Mr. Josiah Adams, was married to a Mr. Fish, an American. We would assume that Charles was a child of this marriage.

Charlotte's only daughter (Madeline Jones, nee Le Grand) lives at 29 Vodanovich Road, Te Atatu, South Auckland and has always been a great friend of Dorothy Christian and her daughter Moyna Craig. As Moyna says, "Charlotte will be fondly remembered by us".

We convey to Madeline and family and other relatives, our sympathies in their sad loss.

Then on September 24th, word came through from New Zealand that Rhett Nobbs had died suddenly at his home at 55 Holly Street, Avondale.

Rhett was only 43 years of age and at the time of his death was the President of the Norfolk Island and Pitcairn Friendship Club and had been associated with the club for many years.

A Norfolk, Rhett was a son of the late Oswald Nobbs and his wife Ellie (nee Quintal).

The Rev. Roy Christian, brother of Ernie, took the funeral service and we convey to Rhett's wife Bub and sons Leonard and Peter, our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of their loving husband and father - and to his many friends and relatives, the loss of their good friend.

THE LATEST ON LES.

We have had a lovely letter from Beryl Thompson, wife of Rev. Les.

"It is Wednesday morning, 27th September" writes Beryl "and tomorrow, Mary Christian-Bailey will be calling to see Les and me, so I'm taking this opportunity to write this note of thanks which Mary will deliver to Tim and Tom.

It seems almost an eternity since I drove Les from the Rectory to the Norfolk Island Hospital at midnight on Saturday, 9th September.

From the moment we were met by Dr. Martin and the nursing staff, it was obvious that Les was in deep trouble.

In retrospect, we now know the doctors and nursing staff saved Les's life. The surgical team at Concord Hospital have confirmed this fact.

Thank you is just too small for me to say to that magnificent team - Dr. Martin, Dr. Jenny, Matron Kaye, Joy C. Dale, Bonnie, Joy K. Val, Ruth, Glynn, Sally - not forgetting the St. John Ambulance driver and attendants who drove us to the airport and aboard the RAAF aircraft which sped us to Sydney.

May God's richest blessings be on all those at the Norfolk Island Hospital.

Personally, I would have found great difficulty in getting through the next 4 hours during the operation but for Faith Mac Donald and Lanell Morris who stayed up with me all night.

On Sunday, very weary and anxious I called in at 8 o'clock church at St. Barnabas and was so uplifted by our lovely church family who showed me the love of God through their care and concern for us.

Our thanks for the wonderful help that George Bottriell has given in taking over the services as he has.

Then, as you are aware, Les had further major surgery at Concord Repatriation Hospital. The flowers, cards and 'phone calls were again giving me grace to go on - thank you, to the church and community of Norfolk .

A special thank you to Fay and team for packing up the Rectory in order that the extensions may be carried out - and to Brenda to whom I made frantic 'phone calls about things Les or I had forgotten.

Les came out of hospital yesterday and we are staying at Mosman. He is still not eating fish!

We look forward to returning to you, our family on Norfolk - and we send our love and prayers and a BIG THANK YOU.

Romans 8:28..."We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him".

Beryl and Les Thompson.
(We understand that Beryl and Les will be returning to Norfolk on 22nd October, which is good news indeed!).