

MEMOIRS

ALGERNON CHARLES BRADBURY

ON 6 September 1964 there passed away at the age of 79 one of the most respected members of the actuarial profession in Melbourne, in the person of the late Algernon Charles Bradbury.

He was born in England but spent his early childhood in New Zealand, his father being a Congregational Minister. In his boyhood he came to Australia where he was educated at Wesley College, Melbourne, and joined the staff of the Australian Mutual Provident Society in January 1902. While there he began his career by studying for the examinations of the Institute of Actuaries (London) when the facilities for study were far different to those operating today. In 1920 he transferred to the staff of the Australian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited, occupying the position of Assistant Actuary. In 1947 he was appointed Joint Actuary, which rank he held until his retirement in December 1954.

Soon after the establishment of the Victorian branch of the Actuarial Society of Australasia in 1922 he was elected Hon. Secretary of the branch and proved a most efficient and enthusiastic Secretary, holding the office until 1934. In 1935 he was elected Vice-President and, the following year, President of the Society and thereafter served as a member of the Branch Committee and as Hon. Auditor.

Possibly remembering his own difficulties in completing his course of studies for the examinations, he was always interested in the welfare of students, helping them in every way he could. He acted as the Representative of the Actuarial Tuition Service from 1947 to 1954 and during the same years was Supervisor for the Institute Examinations in Melbourne.

He was never happier than when working on some involved calculation or conducting an investigation of some kind, particularly in connexion with superannuation or pension funds. He acted as actuarial adviser to several Tasmanian Government or semi-Government superannuation funds until they were finally handed over to the Commonwealth Actuary for periodic valuation.

As a man he was very quiet and reserved but he had a very strong sense of what was right and what was wrong and never hesitated to express his opinions, particularly when he felt some injustice was being done. He was a bachelor and his main interests were his actuarial work and his work for his Church. After his retirement he devoted a lot of his leisure to this Church, the Victorian Branch of the Congregational Union, where in addition to being a member of the Finance Committee he handled all the work and control of the Church's Superannuation Fund.

He was much respected and liked by all with whom he came in contact and he will undoubtedly be much missed.

H. M. JACKSON

HAROLD EDWARD WILLIAM LUTT

HAROLD EDWARD WILLIAM LUTT died at the age of 87, on 22 September 1964. He started his business life with the Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited in 1894, when he started studying for his actuarial examinations. After serving with that Company for seven years, he became Accountant of the Mutual Life Association of Australia, and then in 1903 he entered the service of the Northern Assurance Company Limited as Chief Clerk in the Life Department.

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