EMBER 13. 1915. EARLY BURIAL PLACE.

EOROUGH MARKET SITE.

The discovery of human bones by the workmen engaged on the excavations for the erection of Mrs. Spencer's picture theatab on the site of the old Borough Markets in Liunter-street, Newcastle, has naturally raised some curiosity respecting the early history of the area.

Markets in Hunter-street, Newcastle, nas naturally raised some curiosity respecting the carly history of the area. With a view to ascertaining as accurately as possible whether, the site was originally a cometerwar representative, of the "Nowcastle Morning-Horald" yosterday interviewed Several old reaidents of. Newcastle upos the subject. The fact that human remains, properly interred in a coffin, and laid out according to the orthodox rites of Christian burial, suggested the possibility that the area was at a very early period portion of the old Christ Church burial ground in which the Newcastle Cathedral now stands. This supposition was, however, completely negatived by the persons spoken to, who in each instance were duite clear, from their talks with Newcastle's pioneer settlers, that while it was probably used as a burying place by the aborigines, it was never at any time a recognised cemetery of the early settlers of the district. Mr. Colin Christie, a former Mayor of

Mr. Colin Christie, a former Mayor of the city, and who has been identified with the city, and who has been identified with its movements since 1849, when he settled in Newcastle, said that to his own recol-lections, and from what he had learned from the very early settlers the site of the old markets was never a part of the cathedral cometery. The old Christ Church was built in the year 1817, and it was probable that, prior to that period, the fold which had been recently resurces was built in the that, probable that, prior to that period, probable that, prior to that period, the podles which had been recently resurrected had been buried upon the spot, as one to the aborigines ted had been buried upon the spot, as one unused and convenient, by the aborigines and by some of the very early settlers. With regard to the discovery on Wednes-day of the remains, of what was presum-ably a white man, he was inclined to the opinion that it was that of a soldier in service in the early period when the white population was chiefly attached to the Im-perial service. The site where the New-castle School of Arts now stands was then a blacks' camp, and it was also the lo-cation of Newcastle's original pound. Speaking of 1849. Mr. Christle said that a blacks' camp, and it was also the lo-cation of Newcastle's original pound. Speaking of 1849, Mr. Christle said that though the l. He was the fence was then standing, the fence was then standing, though the place was not in use as a pound. He was aware that blacks had been buried on the spott where the Borough 'Markets' were built many years later, but he had hever heard of it having been used as a burying ground for white people. The presump-tion was, however, that it had been so used in the pioncer days prior to the year 1817, when Christ Church was erected, for as far as he was aware—and believed The_presump "ficte was no area previously set apart a cometery. The limit of the cathedral as a cometery. as a cometery. The limit of the cathedral grounds was distinctly remembered by Mr. Christie as being on the north at the King-street border, and it never extend-ed beyond that. He was quite certain that it never took in the area in which the human remains were recently found. He could not remember when the stone re-taining wall was built, which still excould not remember which which still ex-taining wall was built, which still ex-ists, and separates the old cometery from King-street. The indent in the wall was made for the purpose of creating a stair way communicating with the pathway run made for the erecting a stairning through the church yard. Nowcastle was established in 1203, and it was duite probable that the remains of the white man was one of the first settlers--soldier

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elucidation. Mr. Peter Streit, who came of Islington, Peter and has wt Mr. Newcastle in to 1857, remained here ever since, bore oviews in a general way. that He said he told frequently hađ been by old people burled of. the time that they their dēad in any place which appeared most suitable, and that, sometimes, was in their gardens: and that, sometimes, was in their gardens. No such thing had happoned during his own time, but old settlers had youched for own time, but the practice, the. said that itand convenient-mode-of-burial, and saved and expense. They were a rough, 1 time were a rough, hardy to the finer sentiand class, and not given to the fine ments of tc-day, but they conduct burials decently and honourably, class, conducted their and closed, "Leir... doad in though roughly made, variably given a drag This was prior to the in_ collins, strongly WOTO and these inblack draping of cloth. the cemeteries the hill, or th ot the Hunter-street-West-Mr-that the site of the New-Anglican Church cemeteries_at_ Streit avowed that ol of Arts was a built blacks, but he coul the old market site was eastle School ground for the was a bur it he could burying not larly used, although it was quit especially as bodies had been for Mr. Streit said that when he 1857 the West End Comments whether Say v larly simiit was quite probable, cially a. Streit said that the West End Cemeter. Shoned, 'He remembered thirty and fort found there. arrived In Cemetory' had just at the time been opened. old pioneers forty years livcemeteries in surfuse cemeteries in such a rirase as "What a fuss people make of burying nowadays. Why we used to nail a box together, and put them in the ground." Mrs. J. S. Rodgers was interesting!" referred to the new s "What a

Mrs, J. S. rominiscent when spoken to Mrs, Rodgers was bo in on L in Lhe Mrs. Ro 72 year s. Scotts, ject. castle Messrs. born Newstle 72 years ago, on the sessers. Scotts, Ltd.'s buildings the corner of Huster and Perl where spot now ner of Huster and Perkin sti was then occupied by her late Mr. and Mrs. Howden. at th The strects. par site ents, the late Howden cond Mrs. Howden conducted a general store Mr. Howden had his ongineering blacksmith's shop at the rear. Mrs. store, and and Rod-er 60 ecollections go back well when as a child she played r frontage and the grass now stand many of the city recollections gers years, ο'n now stand many of the city's not ant buildings. She had a distinction of Newcastle's earliest so and had often and had often harboùr distinct where important recollection of tlers, and had set tlers, and had often spoken to then their early history. Hunter-street not then formed, and frequently she carts sink up to their axles in sand v of them 88.W sink up to their ing coal from when Donaldson's bringing pits, which which which which which which which which which we want the second state of the ituated at the tunnel i "Hunter-street," said is really a high bank, beyond said Mrs. much when the Carrington-road when existed, but nothing near so the it cou'd not be company it cou'd not be company in wrington thoroughitare. Wesses bridge good. with The a road the olđ Oarrington nd stood where Company's big v pound public D. ohen and warehouse now paddock existed. anđ tho tion of the Newcource e tide came up to that point, beach ran along the harbour Queen's Wharf, which was of the Newcastle location The oſ sandy and to the Queen's

J. Rodgers was Interestingly on L. in when spoken the rominiscent to Rodgers ject. Mrs. caștle 72 y born New-W88 ject years ago otts. Ltd. ago, on tuy td.'s buildings now stand b spot F Messrs. Scotts, vi M the corner of Huster and Perkin strects. at the cor The site was then occupied Mr. and Mrs. 1 by her par-Mrs. the late Mr. and Mrs. 18 Jo W 17 Howden. ents, Howden store, and Howden had his engineerin somith's shop at the rear. Min' recollections go back well s, when as a child she played Mr. e rear. Mrs. and blacksmith Rod-£ 61) gers' over played on years, V frontage and the harboùr grass muere now stand many of the of important buildings. She had recollection of Name city's ۵ distinct 8 a Newcastle's earliest recollection (of set-Ż often spoken to them of story. Hunter-street was tlers. and had not then formed, and frequency, not then formed, and frequency, ink up to their axles in sand Donaldson's their early: history. 7 7 and frequently she saw when c J pits, which were situated at the tunnel bey rond Morewether. "Hunter-screet, Rodrers, "Was really a high bank, e Mrs. said much h when the n fi good. bridge existed, but nothing near so As a road it cou'd not be compared the old Carrington thoroughtare. with 0 The þ pound where Messrs. public stood D. e Company's big Cohen and warehouse now t a paddock stands, and existed upon the Ŀ present location of the Newcastle School 0 The tide came up to that of Arts. s. The nucleast sandy beach ran along oneen's Wharf, point, 8 and a the harbour b front . which was t The squared mound made of ballast. a area upon which the new picture theatre b 18 being built in Hunter-street was an g n paddock." Mrs. Rodgers' unfenced remembrance of the area was that it was a c S big space running back for consider-8 . In those days there were, and they numbered nearly, many as the white popu'athere were able distance. 8 many blacks, t or quite, as 0 t She always understood tion. that the aborigines were D buried in the paddocks. of Hunter-street, in the vicinity but they were very reticent as to the actual places where they buried their dead. Mrs. Rodwhere they buried their deaa. gers had no recollection of any, white person having been buried docks, and had never heard interments person In. the pad r of any such Г Ц interments. She remembered the area the Church of England cemetery, wh oſ of England cemetery, which crection of the stone retainto the crection of the stone r rall was fenced off. The cer lways confined to its present e prior confined to lus , anot extended ing wall was cemeters was always boun daries, and had not extended to of the old market buildings. H lections of the grounds was sti'l to the site recol-Her vivid, for ł she had frequently been on the grounds 1 1 10 end of the 85 8 child. Near one ground the residence of Mr. i t the other end was stood Simon Kemp, tha other ena wa d lludson's house. erected and at-It Beresford was quite ٢ possible that in the very early days, prior to the existence of any actual cemetery people had s, where the that white grounds, been in the paddocks, t buried aborá lgines had found their, last resting place. 2 The grant of the market site, which ۰emt acres, was made by the o the Newcastle Council braced two Go. to the vernment in of the 1868, and quite recently the history I ished in crected pubafterwards was 8 t these columns.

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There is an average of about 350 births and seventy deaths a day in London. The United Kingdom produces only onefifth of the wheat which it consumes. Sir Hiram Maxim's many inventions include roundabouts and mouse-traps.

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