

The Late Mr. James Backhouse Walker.

HOBART, NOVEMBER 23, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

At a Public Meeting, held in Hobart on the 17th instant, a Committee was appointed for the purpose of collecting funds in order to establish some Memorial of the late Mr. J. B. Walker, whose sudden death has been so deeply and universally deplored.

This Committee consists of the following members, with power to add to their number:— (Chairman) Rev. George Clarke (Chancellor of the University), His Honor the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Clark, Hon. N. E. Lewis, Hon. Adye Douglas, Hon. N. J. Brown, Sir James Agnew, the Bishop of Tasmania, Rev. Dr. Scott, Messrs. C. J. Barclay (Hon. Treas.), R. M. Johnston, J. F. Mather, A. Morton (Hon. Sec.), T. Stephens, C. E. Walch, and F. J. Young.

In asking you to subscribe to the proposed Memorial, we would venture to remind you that Mr. Walker was much more than a simple citizen, whose personal qualities endeared him to all who knew him. During many years of his busy life he performed, often at much cost to himself, work of very great value for the community. The cause of higher education in Tasmania owes more to him than can easily be expressed; and his researches into the beginnings of Tasmanian and Australian history are alike of the utmost interest and value. His work was done for no personal gain or reward. He was animated by the love of it; and the memory of such a worker should not be allowed to perish.

It is hoped that sufficient funds will be raised to permit of the Memorial taking the form of a "James Backhouse Walker Scholarship" at the University, as the most fitting means of perpetuating the memory of one who worked so long and earnestly for its welfare. The Committee desire that the Memorial shall be in all respects of a National character, and therefore Mr. Walker's friends, in every position in life, are now appealed to for subscriptions. The names of so many of these friends, however, are unknown to us, that we fear we cannot help omitting to send this circular to several of those who ought to receive it. Accordingly you are requested kindly to pass on this copy to any friend or sympathiser with whom you are acquainted, and to do all in your power to make the movement as widely known as possible.

All communications are to be addressed to the Hon. Sec. "Walker Memorial Fund." Royal Society, Hobart; and cheques or post office orders are to be made payable to Mr. C. J. Barclay.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE CLARKE, Chairman.

ALEX. MORTON, Hon. Sec.