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Obituary

Mrs Claire Paula Slack

It is with great sadness that I write from Christchurch of the passing of Mrs Claire Paula Slack, wife of Vern and mother of Albert, Russell and Graeme and kind and genuine friend to many.

She came from the other side of the world twenty-seven years ago to build a new life here. Mr Slack was in the Army and when he was transferred from the city to Burnham Military Camp, they went to live there for eight years. These were some of Mrs Slack's happiest years. When Mr Slack retired from the Army, they shifted to their newly-built house in Larch Place, Papanui.

For two and a-half years, Mrs Slack was President of the Christchurch Swiss Club. She didn't overdo anything, but was very sensible about her work for the Club. At all times she was there to help and guide; a warm-hearted, kind and sincere person. Her home was always open to us; the most recent memory of her hospitality was when she held a Christmas Party last year in the beautiful garden of her home. Mrs Slack belonged to a Garden Club for seven or eight years; both Mr and Mrs Slack attended to the grounds of their home, which were at all times attractively kept. Together they played golf and often went fishing.

John L. North expressed so well what we all felt and still feel for Claire Slack when he said: "Claire Slack was God's gift to us all. We are different people because we have known her and enjoyed her. She has made life richer and fuller for many of us. We give thanks for Claire, not only for what she has meant to us in the past, but also for all the wonderful memories of her which we shall carry with us".

(Compiled with the help of Mrs E. Miles and J. L. North.)

—Jacqui Feldmann