

Died in Africa

The late Rev. Charles Pearce, who died in Africa recently, as reported last issue, was the leader, many years ago, of a band of young men who preached the gospel at Braybrook and St Albans in the days before churches were built. He was then Methodist, but he became a Baptist in Africa, where he labored for 30 years. In his first two years in Africa he baptised 200 Kaffirs. He was responsible for the erection of more than 100 churches for the natives. The late Mr Pearce's many fine abilities are referred to by the Rev. Lockhart Morton in his book, "Drifting Wreckage." When he visited Australia in 1910, the late Mr Pearce visited these parts and preached at Footscray.