GRAND PIONEER

Late Mr. Robert Barr Smith

British Centenary on Monday

If he had lived, the late Mr. Robert Barr Smith, one of the South Australian violinists, would have been 86 years of age on Monday. This public spirited and gentlemanly man, who died on May 27th, 1924, left behind him a record that will stand the test of time.

Born in Kilmore, Victoria, in 1837, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith, who emigrated from England to South Australia in 1849. Mr. Smith was educated at the Middlesex Hospital in London, and took his degree in Medicine at the University of London.

He married Miss E. M. Smith, one of the eldest daughters of the late Mr. J. Smith, of the Free School and Grammar School in South Australia.

Mr. Smith was a remarkable violinist, and was one of the most successful of his time. He was a member of the Royal Philharmonic Society in London, and was one of the first to introduce the violin to South Australia.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and was a member of the Royal Society of Arts, London.

Mr. Smith was a man of many talents, and was a great lover of music. He was a member of the South Australian Symphony Orchestra, and was one of the first to introduce the violin to South Australia.

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