

Charlton he was an active member, and played the organ for the social evenings.

Soon after moving to Charlton Uncle Roland was elected Mayor of the town. He held that position by acclamation for about 20 years. During those years he did far more for the town and for the people than his position actually called for.

Uncle Roland was a member of St. Faith's Anglican Church for 64 years. He was organist for well over 50 years. In addition to this he was a Church Warden for many years. After moving to Charlton he taught the Sunday School for many years. He was very fond of little children, and they of him. They used to call him, "Uncle Ro", as did his neices and nephews. Years after he would often meet a young adult who would greet him as, "Uncle Ro". Usually he would have no idea who they were. He was always very generous at Hallo^wé'en to the little ones, and bigger ones too, who used to come to his door.

Uncle Roland had a very dry sense of humour. He often said things, that sounded different to what they were meant, that offended people. And if someone was offended for a time it did not bother him a bit. It was a fact that he would sometimes say something to someone's face that would sound rude, while he was doing something to help that same person behind their back. So different to most who are nice to your face and dirty behind your back.

Before moving to Charlton Uncle Roland had purchased several lots on the edge of the town. Most of the land was on a hillside facing the south and overlooking the Blanche River. At that time the lots were completely unimproved, rough and grown up in grass, weeds, brush and small trees. He built a house, doing most of the work himself, on one corner of this land just across the road from his beloved St. Faith's Church.

In a few years he had the hillside landscaped. There were paths here and there, with trees, shrubs, rose bushes, flowers and vegetables, a veritable Garden of Eden. The flowers could be seen from the river and from a road that went along the top of the hill. In one place near the top of the hillside he had a bench. It was at a spot