

Daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Smith

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A very sad accident happened on Saturday afternoon last, near the Murchison road, Rushworth, by which a little girl, aged 6, the daughter of W. Smith, lost her life, and her brother, aged 10, was seriously injured.

It seems that the two children were playing round a fire that had been lit in the open when the girl got too near, and her dress catching fire, she was soon enveloped in flames. Her brother rushed to her assistance and made frantic efforts to extinguish the flames, and he was thus engaged when the mother, hearing their screams, went to their assistance, and succeeded in putting out the flames, but not before the girl had received fatal injuries about the head and body, and the boy had been seriously burned about the face and arms.

Dr Heily was sent for immediately, and on his arrival at Mr Smith's residence he advised that the two children should be at once taken to the Mooroopna Hospital, and they were conveyed to that institution during the evening. After lingering till Monday, the girl died, and her remains were brought to Rushworth and interred in the local cemetery on Wednesday.

The funeral cortege, which was mostly composed of children, being a large one. The Rev. J. R. Walker officiated at the grave.

Great sympathy is expressed for Mr and Mrs Smith in their sad bereavement.