

Henry Brideson

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We regret to have to announce the death of Mr Henry Brideson, another old resident of our town, which occurred at his residence yesterday afternoon, the 29th inst, at four o'clock, p.m., after a lingering illness.

Mr Brideson was a native of London, and came to this colony in 1852, with his father and family. After spending a few years in Melbourne, where he was educated, he came to Rushworth in 1856, and some time afterwards engaged in mining pursuits. At the time of his death he was a partner in the Schleswig Holstein Tribute, which has latterly proved a success.

A cold caught in working, proved to be the cause of his death, at the early age of 30. His many good qualities and genial disposition made him a general favourite. He leaves a widow and four children to lament his loss. The funeral takes place at four o'clock this afternoon.

Mr Brideson was a member of the Rushworth Cricket Club, since its formation about ten years ago. The members of the club will attend the funeral, and carry the remains of their late comrade from the gate of the cemetery to the grave.

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The remains of our late townsman, Henry Brideson, were conveyed to the Rushworth cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, the 30th ult. The funeral was the largest ever seen at Rushworth, and showed the estimation in which Mr. Brideson was held by the whole community.

The Foresters turned out a full force, as did the Rushworth Cricket Club, of each of which the deceased was a member, a large number of the Odd Fellows and of private citizens were in the mournful procession, which moved from his late residence at 4 o'clock, and passing through Murchison Street into High Street to the cemetery, when it was met by the Rev. Mr. Short.

The Rushworth Cricketers carried the coffin from the gate to the grave. Where the beautiful and impressive service of the Church of England was read by the Rev. Mr. Short, the Foresters and Cricketers &c., forming a circle round the grave.

On Sunday evening in St. Paul's Church Rushworth, the resident clergyman, Rev. R. Short, preached a sermon from the book of Job, the text being those words so well-known as part of the burial service of the Church of England, and to all lovers of sacred music by their forming a part of that grand oratorio, "The Messiah, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." A

very large and attentive congregation was present. The impressive sounds of the "Dead March in Saul," splendidly rendered by Mr. Hobday, appropriately closed the service.