

## **John Ayers jnr.**

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Our readers will learn with extreme regret of the death of Mr John Ayers, junr., of Rushworth, which sad event occurred at the Mooroopna Hospital yesterday morning.

Deceased was quite a young man, being in his 21st year. He was the eldest son of the late John Ayers, who, it will be remembered, lost his life on the 1st of February last while shooting ducks on the Waranga Basin.

Deceased was a fine, hardworking young fellow, and general regret is expressed for his relatives in this the second severe blow which has fallen to their lot within the past few months.

Amongst a number of complications which caused Ayers' death was an abscess on the liver.

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**3 August,**

The remains of the young man, John Ayers, of Rushworth, whose death was recorded in our last issue, were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Friday afternoon last. A large number of sympathisers followed the remains to the grave.

The Rev. W. Cannam conducted the funeral ceremony. The funeral was advertised for Saturday, but it was later resolved that it should take place on Friday.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—I beg to bring under the notice of your readers of the unfortunate circumstances of the widow and children of the late John Ayers. Under the death by accident last Christmas [it was 1 February, duck-opening day drowning] of the husband and father the widow and children became dependent on the exertions of the eldest son, who, unfortunately has also been recently removed by death.

The widow is in delicate health with a family of six (the eldest of whom is 14) to support. Knowing the readiness of the district to remember the widow and fatherless in their affliction, a public meeting has been called for the purpose of initiating a movement to promote relief, and on behalf of those concerned I trust there will be a ready response.

Yours faithfully,

J. BURT STEWART.

Rushworth, 30th July, 1906.