

Quite a gloom was passed over the town and district when it became known that Mr. L. A. Emmett had passed to his long rest the previous night, after an illness extending over the past eight months.

Although the late Mr. Emmett's health had given his relatives and friends cause for anxiety his sudden death came as a great shock and removes from our midst one of nature's gentlemen, who by his obliging and courteous nature and upright and noble character had endeared himself to all who knew him.

By his splendid attention to his clientele as manager of the Rushworth branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia the deceased gentleman has made a host of friends who will miss his counsel to a great extent.

As a townsman the late gentleman has associated himself with every movement for the benefit of Rushworth and was one of three who were primarily responsible for the movement to establish the Bush Nursing Hospital at Rushworth. He was the first secretary of this institution and held the position of treasurer until the time of his illness.

He also held the position of secretary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and was an ardent disciple of that faith, living the life of a true Christian gentleman. Mr. Emmett was a committeeman of the Civil Ambulance and the Rushworth Mechanics Institute and had given good service to both these institutions.

The late Mr. Emmett, who was 59 years of age at the time of his death, leaves a sorrowing widow and two children (Thelma and Keith) to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father, and his untimely demise is a distinct loss to the community.

Born at Stanley, Tasmania, in 1881, as a lad he entered the employ of the National Bank of Tasmania, which was absorbed in 1918 by the Commercial Bank of Australia. While in the service of the bank at Devonport, Mr. Emmett married Miss L. Smith, of that place.

In 1920 he came to Victoria and was stationed at South St. Kilda as manager of that branch of the C. B. A. for some years, after doing relieving duty for some time. In September, 1931, he came to Rushworth and held the position of manager of the local branch until his failing health caused him to relinquish his duties eight months ago.

The funeral was conducted to the Rushworth cemetery where the mortal remains were interred, Mr. G. F. Draffin officiating at the graveside. Prior to the funeral a short service was conducted at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and was largely attended, giving evidence of the great respect in which the deceased gentleman was held.

The mortuary arrangements were in the hands of Messrs Hilder and Kittle.

The pall was carried by Messrs D. Crothers, R. H. Treganowan, F. Collins, V. G. Budd, J. W. Poulson and C. Brown; the coffin-bearers were Messrs R. H. Marshall, E. F. Lyndon, W. C. Geyle and H. J. P. Elms, and the flower-bearers were Messrs C. Burge, C. Lees, J. Binks, J. C. Grant, Rev. H. W. Laity, E. Shaw, H. P. Bedwell, W. H. Emmett and W. C. Lambden.

Amongst the numerous floral tributes received were wreaths from the Rushworth Bowling Club, Rushworth Croquet Club,, Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Rushworth Mechanics Institute, Rushworth Younger Set, Commercial Bank of Australia and the Country Women's Association