Death has been very busy in our midst during the last week, two more well-known faces having disappeared from the local circle.

On Saturday last Mr William George, who had been engaged as engine driver at the Crown Cross mine for some considerable time past, died from "miners' complaint" after a short illness, though he had not been in good health for a long time.

On the Tuesday he worked his usual shift, but was taken ill shortly afterwards and expired early on Saturday morning.

The deceased was well known both in Rushworth and Whroo, having resided in the district for many years.

On the Friday evening Miss Mary Ann Taylor succumbed to an acute attack of inflammation of the lungs, brought on, it is supposed, by contracting a cold when journeying from Seymour to Rushworth in the train. Deceased, who was deaf and dumb, was for some time in the service of Mrs Bishop, but lately left that employ to go to the Criterion Hotel, where she was taken ill.

Dr Heard did all in his power for the unfortunate girl, but the disease had taken too firm a hold, and she passed away on Friday night last, aged 19 years.

The remains of both were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Sunday, being followed to the grave by a number of friends.