Miss Hawking, daughter of John Hawking

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Mr John Hawking, Rushworth, suffered a severe misfortune on Tuesday evening last, when his eldest daughter, a bright promising girl of thirteen years, passed away, the cause of death being water on the brain. Deceased had been under Dr Christie's care for some time and the doctor recommended her removal to the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, about three weeks ago. Little hope, however, was held out for her recovery from the first and she died at the institution named as stated. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in their affliction.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Joseph Ross officiating at the grave. There was a large following of sympathisers. About sixty of deceased's schoolmates led the funeral *cortege*, some of them also acting as pall-bearers.