

**Mr A. Miller**

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Mr A. Miiller, a very old resident of Rushworth, died yesterday.

The remains will be interred in the local cemetery this afternoon, at 3 p.m.

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**7 November,**

A public meeting was held at the shire hall, Rushworth, on Monday evening last to devise means to extend practical sympathy to the infant children of the late Andrew Miller.

The Rev. J. R. Walker was voted to the chair. The chairman stated the cause of the meeting, referring to the very large family of the deceased and the unfortunate circumstances they were in.

Mr R. Bell said there were at least fifteen of a family, six of them being under eight years of age and the youngest a mere infant. One, a lad of sixteen was practically blind. Three of the family were able and willing to work for the others but he thought the task was beyond them. The best of miners in the district found it hard to keep clear of debt. He felt it his duty to help the family to help themselves.

Mr Potter supported Mr Bell's remarks. One of the girls was in very poor health.

Mr Stewart said that whatever was done they must not overlook the necessity of working to a real practical end. The Melbourne Orphanage offered the best opportunity. It was not fair, however, to only subscribe to that institution when seeking immediate return. Rushworth was in duty bound to make an annual effort for the Orphanage. He hoped this would for the future be done.

The Rev. Mr Weir detailed the requirements attendant upon the Orphanage's assistance and gave the movement his sympathy.

Mr W. J. Mason thought it better to get some money in and afterwards meet to consider the position.

He moved — That subscription lists be opened, with Messrs R. Bell and F. Hutchison as collectors, and that a further meeting be held on a date to be fixed to consider what action should be taken. The Rev. Mr Weir seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr Stewart was appointed secretary and treasurer to the movement.

It was decided to try and get the blind lad admitted as an inpatient to the Eye and Ear Hospital, and Mr Stewart promised to attend to the matter. Upwards of £2 was subscribed in the room. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.