

Mr McFarlane

Rushworth Chronicle

21 August, 1900

A miner named McFarlane, who resided on Growler's Hill, Rushworth, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on Sunday last.

Deceased, who had been a soldier in India and had gone through several campaigns, was only 47 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children totally unprovided for.

The Rev. J. Weir officiated at the grave. Mr Medhurst had charge of the funeral arrangements.

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31 August,

A public meeting will be held in the shire hall, Rushworth, on Tuesday night, at a quarter past 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the best means of assisting the widow of the late Mr McFarlane, who, with her children, has been left totally unprovided for.

Such a good cause should draw a crowded house of willing helpers.

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7 September,

A meeting of those willing to help Mrs McFarlane and family, who have recently lost their bread-winner, was held in the shire hall on Tuesday evening. Those present were the Rev. J. Weir (in the chair), W. J. Mason, H. Cattlin, H. G. Brice, A. Lapeyre, R. Bell, D. Shewan, Gardiner, F. Hutchinson, H. Campbell, W. Johnson, and C. J. Robinson.

The chairman having explained the object for which the meeting had been called, Mr Bell suggested that subscription lists be sent round. Mr Campbell thought this would be a good idea.

Mr Mason moved that the Rev J. Weir be appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, seconded by Mr Hutchinson and carried.

Mr Mason moved that those present form themselves into a committee to forward the object in view, and that Messrs Bell and Hutchinson be appointed collectors. Seconded by Mr Cattlin and carried.

The following amounts having been promised viz W. J Mason, 10s 6d; H. Cattlin 10s 6d; C J. Robinson, 10s 6d; D. Shewan 10s; Rev. J Weir, 5s; R. Bell, 5s; H. Campbell, 5s; Gardiner, 2s 6d; the meeting closed. The fixing of the next meeting was left in the hands of the hon. secretary.

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5 October, 1900

A meeting of subscribers to the McFarlane Fund was held at the Shire Hall on Friday evening last. Rev. J. Weir, who was in the chair, reported that so far £28 19s had been

received.

Mr Bell moved that an account be opened at the Bank of Victoria in the name of the McFarlane Fund, and that the Rev. Mr Weir and Mr Burt Stewart be joint treasurers. Seconded by Mr Hutchinson and carried.

Mr Stewart moved that Miss Mumford, as the representative of the Melbourne Orphanage, be asked to enquire from the superintendent of that institution if £20 be handed over to it, will his committee consent to two of the McFarlane children being placed on the Orphanage. Seconded by Mr Shewan and carried.

Mr Stewart moved that of the balance of the money £1 be handed over to Mrs McFarlane at once, and the balance be given to her at the rate of £1 per month. Seconded by Mr Bell and carried.

Rev. Mr Weir moved a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Bell and Hutchison for the trouble they had taken over the collecting. Seconded by Mr Shewan and carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to Mr Weir for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.