

Mr. W. Taylor

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A shocking accident happened to Mr W. Taylor, farmer, Moora, yesterday morning, by which he lost his life. It appears that he went to feed some calves when a savage boar, which happened to be in the back yard, attacked him and fastened its tusks into the fleshy part of the inside of his right thigh, causing an ugly wound and severing the femoral artery. He struggled over the fence-and said to his wife, who was standing looking on, that the pig had bitten him. The injured man lost a great deal of blood and Mr J. E. Simpson, who resides close by, and had been summoned, applied ligatures which seemed to have the desired effect.

Deceased had, however, lost too great a quantity of blood, and expired within twenty minutes of having been injured. Drs Heily and Christie, who had been at once sent for, arrived promptly on the scene, but the poor fellow was beyond their skill.

Deceased, who was a son of the late Mr Tim Taylor, was of a quiet, unassuming disposition. He was a prominent member of the Methodist church and was on the local preaching staff, and his loss will be keenly felt.

General regret was manifested on all hands when his untimely death became known, more particularly seeing that he leaves a young wife and three small children to mourn their sad loss.

Deceased was a brother of Messrs Timothy, John, Robert and Henry Taylor, and was about 34 years of age.

The boar was despatched by Dr Christie, with the aid of a rifle, before it had an opportunity of doing further damage. While endeavoring to get a shot at the animal, it ran towards the doctor, foaming at the mouth, thus showing that it was prepared to tackle others.

The funeral was arranged to leave his residence at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon, his relatives at a distance thus being afforded an opportunity of attending.

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The remains of the late Mr W. Taylor, Moora, who was attacked by a savage boar with such unfortunate results on Thursday morning, 6th inst., and a report of which appeared in our last issue, were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

There was a numerous following of sympathisers and friends, in fact the funeral was one of the largest seen in this district for some considerable time.

The Rev. W. Cannam conducted the service at the grave. The members of the Loyal Orange Lodge, of which body deceased had been a prominent member, turned out in strong force, no less than twenty-six members being in attendance with a view to according the last sad rites to a deceased brother. The members preceded the hearse to the place of interment, arrayed in full lodge regalia. The service at the grave was of a most impressive nature, and was read by the Rev. J. R. Walker. Mr Geo. Anderson had charge of the mortuary arrangements.

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