On Thursday much regret was expressed in Rushworth when it became known that Mrs Thomas Hicks, of Stanhope Road, had expired on the previous evening

Mrs. Hicks had been in poor health for some years, suffering from a heart complaint and rheumatism, which had followed an attack of rheumatic fever. On Wednesday she appeared to be in her usual health, and in the afternoon had walked down and paid a visit to her daughter Mrs. James McLeod. Later on in the evening she took a bad turn and succumbed as stated. Although not unexpected, her sudden death came as a shock great shock to her friends

Mrs. Hicks was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. Pike and lived with the parents at Ballarat and Bendigo. She resided in her girlhood days with a sister, Mrs. Rosevear, at Corop.

41 years ago she was married to Mr. Thomas Hicks, at Castlemaine, the Rev. Secomb performing the marriage ceremony.

With her husband she went to Carag and remained there until 28 years ago when they removed to Rushworth.

The deceased had reached the age of 64 years and was well loved and respected by all with whom she came in contact. Her kind disposition and her nature was such that whenever there was trouble and sickness she was always to be found.

Of late years she has been unable to take an active part in life, but was always ready to give what assistance she could to all.

She leaves a sorrowing husband and grown-up family to mourn a mother who was a mother indeed -- Marion (Mrs. W. Downing, of Stanhope) Joe (of Lands Department, W.A.), Tom (Mount Gambier, S.A.) Milly (Mrs. L. Marks, Balaclava), Harriet (Mrs. J. McLeod) and Clara (Mrs. A. McLeod, Rushworth).

One of her sons, Hector, paid the Supreme Sacrifice for King and Country on Gallipoli.

Much sorrow has been expressed for the bereaved relatives. The funeral will take place at Rushworth at 3 o'clock this afternoon this (Friday) afternoon.

The members of the G.U.O.O.F., Waranga Lodge, are requested to follow the remains of the late Mrs. T. Hicks (wife of Bro. T. Hicks) to the last resting place, Rushworth Cemetery. The funeral will leave her late residence, Stanhope road at 3 p.m. Brethren to meet at the Masonic Hall, at 2:15 p.m.

F. W. Collins, Secretary.