

Profound regret was expressed when word was received in the town and district that Mrs. W. E. Cochrane, wife of Cr. W. E. Cochrane, of Stanhope, had passed away on Saturday morning at "Bethesda" Private Hospital, Richmond.

The late Mrs. Cochrane had enjoyed the best of health until a few months ago when she complained at times of not feeling well, but it was thought that it was only a passing ailment and she would soon regain her normal health. About a month ago she became so ill that medical aid was summoned and a slight operation was performed, but nothing serious was anticipated.

Mrs. Cochrane was taken to Sister Anderson's private hospital in Kyabram, in order to get the best attention, but the expected improvement not taking place the medical adviser recommended that a further operation was necessary and the patient was removed to "Bethesda" Private Hospital, Richmond. Complications had by this time become manifest, and it was decided by the medical attendant to delay the operation until they were abated, and a blood specialist was called in, but in spite of the best of skill and nursing, pneumonia set in and Mrs. Cochrane rapidly sank and died in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The late Mrs. Cochrane was the only daughter of the late Mr. Thos. and Mrs. Jones (nee Tilson). She was born at Costerfield on March 18th, 1879 and was thus 50 years of age at the time of her death.

She went with the parents to Bailieston at an early age and resided there until about 8 years ago. She married Mr. Cochran at the Methodist Church, Bailieston on July 29th, 1903, the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. J. Ross.

Eight years after her marriage Mrs Cochrane removed with her husband to the Rushworth district three years ago and three years ago went to Stanhope.

She was a woman with a fine disposition, and was held in the highest regard and affection by all who knew her. A true wife and loving mother, her loss is severely felt by her husband and family and by her many friends. When Cr. Cochrane was President of the Shire of Waranga she was a worthy helpmate and did a wonderful work in preparing and supervising the refreshments in connection with the visit of the delegates to the Caledonian Conference held at Rushworth some time ago.

She leaves her sorrowing husband and a family of one son and four daughters ---- Bert, Nellie, Dorothy, Mary and Joyce, the eldest daughter dying in infancy.

The funeral took place on Monday last, the remains being bought from Melbourne by motor hearse for interment in the Rushworth Cemetery. The coffin was first taken to St Andrew's Presbyterian Church where an impressive funeral service was held, which was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Faram, assisted by Rev F. E. Haynes (Methodist).

The remains were then conveyed to the Cemetery has evidence of the respect in which both deceased and Mr. Cochrane and family were held the funeral was one of the largest seen here, residents of Rushworth, Stanhope, Bailieston, Whroo and other parts of the district following the remains to their last resting place.

The burial service was conducted by Revs. Haynes and Faram. The coffin bearers were Crs. J. McKee, R. C. Taylor, W. Pook and J. McK. Brown and Crs. J. Cloney (President of the Shire Council), R. J. Ingram, M. Ryan and R. A. Williams and Messrs L. D. Fawckner (Shire engineer) and A. McCaskill (electrical engineer) acted as pallbearers. The Shire Secretary (Mr. W. C. Geyle) was also present.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Jos. Allison, Melbourne.