

DEATH.

McCAUSLAND.—On the 12th instant, at the Vicarage. Rushworth, of Syncope (suddenly), the Rev. A. J. McCausland. Aged 64 years.

DEATH OF THE REV. MR McCausLAND.

A melancholy gloom has been cast over the township during the week owing to the sudden and much regretted death of the worthy pastor of the Church of England here, the Rev. A. J. McCausland.

The Rev. gentleman has, for the past 15 months, been suffering from an affection of the heart, and at the end of last year felt compelled to request leave from the committee of the church for a month to recover his health, which was readily granted.

At the end of his leave of absence the clergyman returned very much invigorated to all appearances, and entered on his duties with the manly spirit characteristic of him, but yet grave doubts were entertained by his immediate friends as to the certainty of his being in such a state of health as to carry out the labours of his parish.

Unfortunately, those fears were only too well grounded. On Sunday last it was made too observable to the congregation who assembled so listen to the last discourse of the lamented clergyman that it was given under manifest pain and difficulty.

On the day following Mr McCausland went into the garden for the purpose of fixing the water-pipe leading to the garden, and being followed by his little boy of three years of age, was observed lying on the footpath.

The child immediately gave warning to his mother that his father was lying down and could not get up when he called him. The daughters, on going to his assistance, found him to all appearance dead. Dr Heily was at once summoned, and found that life was extinct.

Mr McCausland, during his labours amongst us, has given the utmost satisfaction, and the church has been placed on a basis it had not hitherto attained. His loss is sincerely regretted by not only his own denomination, but people of every persuasion, to whom he has endeared himself by his liberality, geniality, and Christian sympathy.

His remains were followed to the grave on Wednesday by a concourse of friends, many of whom could testify to the kindness of the deceased Mr McCausland had been connected with the Church of England for the past 42 years, 35 of which were spent in the Melbourne diocese. He has laboured in the parishes of Melbourne, Benalla, Echuca, Bacchus Marsh, and latterly in Rushworth.

The impressive ceremony of the Freemasons, of which body the lamented one was a true and faithful brother, was read by Bro. P. Master Smith, P.G.S.B., and the musical portion of the rites was performed by the Rushworth Brass Band.

Mrs McCausland requests us to state that she wishes to dispose of her mare, buggy, and harness. The mare is sound and perfectly quiet in both saddle and harness, and the buggy and harness are in good condition. The lot is for sale cheap.