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There are few residents of Rushworth who will not miss the kind and genial face of poor "Tom Hollins," as, with affectionate familiarity, he was usually called by his friends; as for his enemies, we believe that during his residence of more than twenty years amongst us he never had one.

Mr Hollins was specially prominent in our little community as an ardent lover of music and an excellent singer. In the latter capacity his aid was always available, especially in connection with charitable performances, which he was always foremost in promoting by thought, word, or deed.

Mr Hollins, as some of our readers are aware, has proved, so far, the latest victim of that fell disease, typhoid fever, which has made such terrible havoc amongst us of late.

His remains were interred on Saturday afternoon last in the Rushworth cemetery, followed by a large concourse of mourners. Like many other who experience the vicissitudes of a mining career, the deceased did not succeed in accumulating a fortune to support his large surviving family, and we have reason to believe that a *douceur* of some kind in recognition of his many estimable qualities, would not prove unacceptable to his bereaved family. We therefore hope that steps will be taken without delay to organise some effort by which this object may be realised.