

William Crothers

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Residents of the Rushworth and Carag districts received a shock on Friday afternoon last when they learned that Mr W. Crothers, farmer, of Carag, had succumbed to an attack of illness of only a few days' duration.

It appears that on the Tuesday afternoon Mr Crothers, who was then apparently in his usual health, drove the children up to the Carag school. After this he drove over to a neighbour's, and then he waited and took the children home again. Early in the afternoon he got wet, and no doubt sitting in his damp clothes was responsible for the trouble, for on Wednesday he took very bad.

He suffered from kidney complaint, but this attack must have been of a particularly acute nature, for on the day following he lapsed into unconsciousness and gradually sank and passed away on Friday afternoon.

Deceased, who was a son of the late Mr Thomas Crothers, and brother of Mr D. Crothers, was but in the prime of life, being only forty three years of age. He was a married man and leaves a widow and three young children to mourn their great loss, and to these the utmost sympathy is extended.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Sunday afternoon, and the high respect in which deceased was held right throughout the district was shown by the very large number of people who attended the funeral and accorded him the last tribute of respect.

The Rev. Churchward conducted the service at the graveside, while Mr E. Anderson had charge of the mortuary arrangements.