

DEATH.

NEILSEN.—On the 10th July, at his parents' residence, William David, fourth son of Neil and Mary Neilsen, accidentally drowned. Aged 4 years 4 months.

Gone to dwell with the angels

In the realms above,

Darling Willie left us

For to dwell with God.

—Inserted by his sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters.

A very sad drowning accident happened at Whroo on Tuesday last by which one of Mr Neilsen's sons, named William David, lost his life. It seems that he was playing on a dam bank about 100 yards away from his home with a younger brother and must have slipped in.

The first intimation that a mishap had occurred was received from the younger child, who drew Mrs Neilsen's attention to him by his cries, and being asked what was the matter he said that his brother was in the dam. Mrs Neilsen, loath to believe the child's story, called the missing boy, but not receiving an answer sent for Mr Neilsen, who procured a sapling on which he secured a hook and commenced dragging the dam at the spot where the children's

footprints were to be seen, and at the fourth attempt succeeded in recovering the body.

With the assistance of Mr Rae, head master of the local State school, efforts were kept up for two hours to try and restore animation, but without success.

Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery yesterday, the Rev. J. R. Walker officiating at the grave. The funeral obsequies were conducted by Mr Medhurst. A number of

the children attending the Whroo Sunday school, to which the deceased belonged, sang a number of hymns before leaving Whroo, at the church, and at the cemetery, Rushworth, under the leadership of Mr G. Jones.