

Robert Darroch

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DEATH.

DARROCH.—On the 20th inst., at Whroo, Robert Darroch, of the firm of Darroch Bros., sawmill proprietors, and youngest son of Mary and the late Alex. Darroch. Aged 30 years.

DEATH OF MR ROBERT DARROCH.

Not one of our readers who was acquainted with Mr Robt. Darroch, of the firm of Darroch Bros., sawmill proprietors, of Whroo, but will hear of his death with unfeigned regret.

Mr Darroch had suffered for some years from consumption, but up to the last had been able to keep an eye over the pretty extensive business controlled by his brother and himself. At an early hour on Sunday morning last he appeared more than ordinarily weak, and a messenger was sent to Rushworth for the medical adviser of the family, Dr Heily, who at once went out.

After the arrival of the doctor Mr Darroch took a seat on the verandah, and expressed a wish to have his will drawn up. Dr Heily acceded to the request, and had just completed the document ready for the customary signatures when the unfortunate gentleman suddenly cried out, "Quick, I'm dead!" and collapsed in the chair. Efforts to restore animation were unavailing, and he thus passed away at the early age of 30 years.

The deceased was conspicuous for his charitable disposition, as he was ever ready to alleviate distress, many instances being known where he did not wait to be asked, but spontaneously provided needed relief.

The township of Whroo is particularly indebted to him for valuable assistance. His name always appeared on subscription lists for cricket clubs, &tc., and it was mainly owing to the generosity of himself and his brothers that the present handsome mechanics' institute, with its substantial fence, was erected. He was treasurer of the institution at the time of his death, as likewise was his brother James, previously deceased.

Much sympathy is felt for the remaining members of the family, especially the mother of the deceased, who has also the affliction of recent total loss of sight to bear up against.

The remains were interred in the Whroo Cemetery on Monday, a large procession of friends from the surrounding districts joining in the last ceremony. The Rev. J. Weir, B.A., read the burial service of the Presbyterian Church.