

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. R. FOTHERINGHAM.

Kapunda, September 19.

Mr. Robert Fotheringham dropped down dead this morning. He left his home in his usual health, and whilst talking to Mrs. Peacock, his sister-in-law, in her house, he said to her, "I feel very unwell," and almost immediately fell and expired. The news has only just been announced, and the effect on the townspeople has been electrical, and people are rushing to one another enquiring if it is true. He was probably the most popular man in Kapunda; generous to a fault, and there are few people in need who have not been assisted at his hands. Charities and institutions were treated in the same open-handed manner. He was well known throughout the colony.

Kapunda, September 20.

The cause of Mr. Fotheringham's death was angina pectoris. Dr. Hamilton was with him almost immediately, but too late to be of service. The death of one so esteemed has caused a sensation, the like of which is unparalleled. Business was for the time suspended, and a settled gloom pervades the whole place. Mr. Fotheringham was born in Scotland on October 1, 1831, and consequently was just completing his 54th year. He arrived in the colony about the year 1854, and joined his brother Thomas in the brewery business, the latter taking charge of the Kapunda and Robert of the Gawler brewery. For thirteen years deceased resided at Gawler, where he gained the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. At the dissolution of partnership the brothers changed residences. During the seventeen or eighteen years Robert has lived in Kapunda his life has been characterised by the exercise of unostentatious charity. The manifestations of grief are genuine and widespread. The sad event was referred to in most of the churches to-day.

Kapunda, September 21.

The funeral of Mr. Robert Fotheringham took place this afternoon, and notwithstanding that rain fell nearly all day it was one of the largest ever held in the district. The day by common consent was given up entirely to mourning, business being almost altogether suspended. In the afternoon all the business places and factories were closed. Early in the day sympathisers from all the surrounding townships flocked in to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. The city and distant parts of the colony were also largely represented. The cortége, which left deceased's late residence in a drizzling rain, was upwards of a mile in length. The Rev. M. Morris conducted the service at the grave, and the Foresters, of which order Mr. Fotheringham was a member, also went through funeral rites over the grave of their departed brother. All present were visibly affected, and it will be a long time before the memory of Mr. Fotheringham dies out.