

Death of Dr. F. F. Brown.

With feelings of profound regret, the residents of Bourke and district received the sad news of the death of a well-known and respected resident in the person of Dr. Francis Frederick Brown, which occurred at his private residence in Hope Street, Bourke at 2.10 p.m. on Thursday last. The deceased went to bed on the previous Thursday with a severe cold, which developed in a few days to pneumonia, and at different times received the attention of four doctors, but despite the best of medical and nursing attention he passed away as stated. Deceased's father arrived by car on the Monday evening, and his mother arrived on Tuesday, July 15th.

The late Dr. F. F. Brown was born at Dumaresq, Armidale, on 25th July 1889, so he would have attained 35 years, if he had lived another week. He was studying at a Scottish University when the war broke out, and having passed his medical examination, he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps and saw service in France, on the Servia-Austrian Frontier, and in Servia. His service in Servia was recognised by the Servian Government who conferred on him the order of St. Sava. He was at the front for about 2 years, and then returned to Sydney, eventually securing the Bourke practice from the late Dr. R. Dey. It was in November 1916 that the deceased came to Bourke so he has been here for nearly 8 years. He was Medical Officer of the Bourke Hospital for 6 years, and has been Government Medical Officer ever since he came to the town.

The deceased had a very good practice in Bourke, and had a very large circle of friends, especially in the surrounding districts, who will regret that such a young and promising Medical Practitioner has passed to "The Great Beyond."

The deceased contributed freely to all charitable functions, and was an ardent supporter of all branches of sport. As a relaxation from his ar-

dous work, the deceased spent his leisure hours in company with his gun, as shooting was his favorite sport.

The funeral took place at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon and was very largely attended, the country being represented in great numbers. The cortege proceeded to the Church of England, where a short service was held, and thence to the local cemetery. The remains were interred in the Church of England portion, the Rev. Richards conducting the last sad rites at the graveside.

Deceased leaves a young wife and two little children, a boy and girl (Sheila aged 7 and Harry aged 3) to mourn their sad loss and to whom, as well as the parents, the residents of town and district have forwarded expressions of sympathy. The deceased also leaves 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Messages of sympathy came from all parts of the State in great numbers