

## DEATH OF MR. W. S. DEMPSTER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

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A great gloom has been cast over the whole of this district by the sudden and totally unexpected death of Mr. W. Dempster, of Bunkland. Mr. Dempster retired to rest after the usual day's labour in apparently excellent health, having never previously complained of being unwell. During the night he awoke and complained of pain in his heart, and while assistance was being procured he died.

Words fail to express the great shock his death has occasioned. No man in the Eastern Districts was so universally esteemed by young and old, as a good settler, a staunch friend, an affectionate husband and father. Poor Willie Dempster will long be remembered, and his kindly face and greeting will be missed from every district gathering. His death forms the topic of conversation and the deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing young wife, and her fatherless children. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

"The head constable of Liverpool has recommended the adoption of a summary mode of dealing with drunken and disorderly people in the streets, which is in use in America. It consists," remarks a London contemporary, "in the organisation of a system of what are called 'patrol wagons,' driven and guarded by policemen, and having a well in the centre fitted with a stretcher. The effect, it is said, will be the quick quelling of many noisy and often dangerous brawls and disturbances, the safe and speedy conveyance of violent prisoners, the relief of the streets from the constant scandals caused by the dragging along of such prisoners, and the saving of the police from the great difficulty and frequent assaults they experience in the discharge of this most disagreeable and trying duty. It is said that the permission lately granted to the police for the use in cases of emergency of a force of

the permission hereby granted to the police for the use in cases of emergency of so many private telephones in all parts of the city, together with the large number of police and corporation telephones available, would render possible the adoption and use of the system, without the necessity for incurring any further expense than that of waggons and horses required."

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