

## Obituaries.

### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WATSON.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. William Watson, which sad event took place suddenly at his residence at Yarramony on Friday afternoon, at the age of 52 years. The deceased has been in indifferent health for some little time, but was not forced to take to his bed. On the morning of his demise he was about supervising the work on the farm, but at midday he complained of feeling a bit off, and took a dose of salts after which he had dinner. Shortly after, while sitting on the verandah smoking, he again complained of feeling queer, and began gasping for breath. He was given a glass of brandy by his wife, but it was too late, for he fell back and died. Dr. Frost was summoned, and pronounced the cause of death to be heart failure. He leaves a widow and two grown-up sons to survive him.

Deceased was a native of Western Australia, his father being one of the pioneers of this district. The family consisted of three brothers who carry on farming pursuits at Yarramony, and two sisters. He was highly respected by all who knew him, and his death will leave a gap to be filled in the Yarramony district.

Mr. Watson was born in Northam on April 11, 1859. His parents soon after selected land in the Jennapullen district, where several brothers still reside. In May, 1883, he married Miss Sarah Ann Beard, who, with her two good sons, is now left to mourn their loss.

The deceased took a deep interest in the affairs of the district. He was an active member of the Goomalling

an active member of the Goomalling Railway League, which, against strong opposition, got the first agricultural line built in W.A. He had been a member of the Jennapullen Agricultural Society since its inception, and for several years filled the position of president. He took a great interest in local sport, and was a regular attendant at divine services.

As a farmer, Mr. Watson kept well abreast of the requirements of the times. He farmed well, and secured for himself and family a very comfortable home. His demise will leave a sad vacancy in the community.

#### The Funeral.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and was one of the largest funeral processions yet seen in the district, fully 100 vehicles containing relatives and friends of the deceased following the hearse. The remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Northam cemetery. After the Rev. A. L. Marshall had conducted divine service and given an impressive address, the cortege moved from the deceased's late residence at one o'clock, followed by a great number of friends and relatives. Numbers of vehicles joined the procession on the road, and when Northam was reached a big concourse of people were awaiting its arrival. At the grave Rev. Marshall read the burial service, and the mourners sang "Peace, Perfect Peace."

The pall-bearers were:—Messrs. J. McPherson, J. Morris, senr., R. H. Leeson, H. Forward, R. M. McKendry, W. H. Lawrence and G. Martin.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Watson (widow), Ernie and Fred (sons), Mrs. F. Watson (daughter-in-law), Walter, James, Harry, Dave and Steve (brothers), Mrs. Screech (sister), W. Screech (Meckering), Fred, Charles, Job and Dick Beard, and C. Christmass (brothers-in-law) Mrs C. Christmass, Mrs. Job. Beard, Mrs. Fred. Beard, Mrs. D. Watson, Mrs. J. Watson, Mrs. S. Watson, and Mrs. H. Watson (sisters-in-law) George, Walter, Harry, Jack, Lionel, Dave, Peter, Roy and Edwin Watson, P. Gorman, Harry, Ernie, Reg, and Stanley Beard, Gus, Arnold, Archie, Dave, Steve, and Harry and Roy Christmass (nephews), Lilly and Alvie Watson, Mrs. N. T. Hannagan, and Alma Beard

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(nieces).

The following is a list of the floral  
tributes sent :—Wife and Ernie, Fred.  
and Cora, Flora, Mr. and Mrs Walter  
Watson and family, Mr. and Mrs Jas.  
Watson and family, Mr. and Mrs.  
H. Watson and family, Mr. and Mrs.  
D. Watson and family, Mr. and  
Chas. Christmas and family, Mr. and  
Mrs. Fred Beard and family, Mr. and  
Mrs. C. Beard and family, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. Morris and family, Mr. and  
Mrs. N. T. Hannagan and baby, Mr.  
and Mrs. R. M. McKendry and fam-  
ily, Mr. and Mrs. Bourke and family,  
Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Morrell and famf  
ily, Jennapullen Agricultural Society,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. McPherson, Mr. and  
Mrs. W. G. Grave, Mr. and Mrs. P.  
Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley and  
family, Jennapullen Cricket Club Mr.  
and Mrs. G. Eaton and family, Mr.  
and Mrs. B. R. P. Burch, Mr. and  
Mrs. P. Ryan and family, Mr. and  
Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A.  
Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. DuBo  
and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lee-  
son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mc-  
Pherson, Mr. Gills, Mr. and Mrs. T.  
Hannagan.