

Death of Mrs. S. Patterson

A RESPECTED OLD RESIDENT

*Rest, weary heart, earth's struggles now are
o'er,
Eternal glory bursts from yonder shore,
Peace now for strife, and not for grief and pain,
Th' unfettered spirit dwells with God again.*

In our last issue we announced the death of Mrs. S. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and came to this colony in 1841 with her late husband. On arrival they settled at their late residence, Blayney, where they have remained ever since. Mrs. Patterson is the mother of four sons and four daughters, all of whom are respected settlers in this district. The deceased lady was 80 years of age and had been ailing for some time previous to her death. Mrs. Patterson had 66 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. The funeral took place last Friday and no better evidence could possibly be shown as to the esteem in which she was held, than was exhibited by the large gathering of upwards of 200 persons in vehicles and on horse back, who came from all parts of the district, to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the dead.

THE LATE MRS PATTERSON.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Patterson, Sen, venerable mother of our popular and highly respected townswoman, Mrs. Robert Daly, Mrs. P. Finn, Milburn Creek, Alderman S. Patterson and William Patterson, of Blayney, died at the residence of the latter, on Thursday morning, after an illness extending over fifteen weeks, The esteemed who had attained the patriarchal age of 80 years, was the oldest resident of the Blayney district, having arrived there in 1841, 56 years ago, immediately after landing in the colony. She was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and up to a short time before her death had a clear recollection of many stirring incidents connected with her youthful days in the land of her birth. Her intellect was remarkably clear and bright for one of such advanced years almost to the very end. About 3 weeks ago it was feared that her time had come and Mrs. Daly, upon receiving an intimation to that effect, left Cowra for Blayney, but, as she shortly after rallied, it was hoped the crisis was past and that she would be spared to her family a short time longer. The respite was, however a very brief one, as about a week ago she took another bad turn, and thence to the end she gradually faded away. She leaves, besides nine children, who are settled in various parts of the colony, 70 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. The funeral, which took place on Friday afternoon in Blayney, was very largely attended by all classes as a last tribute of respect to one who was very deservedly esteemed for her many sterling qualities. The bereaved relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in this district.
