

Obituary.

—Mrs J. Wicks.—

After being an inmate of the cottage hospital for nearly four weeks, having suffering a stroke, Eleanor A. Wicks, wife of Mr James Wicks, of Currie, passed away on Saturday afternoon. Deceased, who was born at Bruni Island in 1865, and was, therefore, 65 years of age, was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrett, of that place, her father being a landowner and also a boat-builder of some repute. She was married in Hobart in 1886, Mr Wicks being then a recent arrival in Tasmania, and in 1894 the couple, with one child, came to King Island to take up duty at the Currie lighthouse. A couple of days later the child, a boy of two years, met with a tragic accident and lies buried in the old cemetery in the hills to the west of the Currie township. Some time later Mr Wicks vacated the lighthouse position, and with family went to reside about three miles out of the town. The deceased was of a very reserved nature, and was seldom seen away from home. She leaves a husband and grown up family of three (Messrs Edward and Solomon and Miss Priscilla Wicks), all of King Island. The funeral took place to the Currie cemetery on Monday afternoon, being largely attended. Rev. A. Crookes Hull conducted the service at the grave.

—Mr J. L. Snodgrass.—

Widespread regret was expressed on Monday when it became known that Mr James L. Snodgrass, of "Ascot," three miles from Currie, had passed away at the cottage hospital, at the age of 43 years. He had not been in very robust health since a severe illness a couple years ago, and the middle of last week took a bad turn, as a result of which Dr Lincoln advised his removal to the hospital on Sunday, pneumonia having developed, and he was motored there by Mr A. Bowling. He became worse during the evening and died at 4 a.m. Deceased was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Hugh Snodgrass, born at Colac (Victoria) in 1887, and came to King Island in 1913, residing here ever since, with the exception of a

period of four years' service at the war, in which he was wounded both on Gallipoli and in France. A sister, Mrs C. Hardy, died only 12 days previously. He was married in 1920 to Phyllis, daughter of Mr J. C. and the late Mrs Alderman, and for the bereaved wife and four young daughters sincere sympathy is expressed on all sides. "Jim" was of a genial disposition, and will also be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place to the Currie cemetery and proved one of the largest corteges ever seen on the Island. The coffin, draped with a Union Jack, was preceded by a large number of returned soldiers (of which organisation was a valued committeeman), and at the graveside, after the burial service had been conducted by Rev. Crookes Hull, some 40 comrades stood to attention while the last post was sounded by Mr E. Jones. An exceptionally large number of wreaths were placed upon the grave.