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The bodies of the unfortunate miners Henry Thompson and Robert Robinson, who were submerged in the mine of the Adelaide Co. last Wednesday, were removed to Graham's Hotel, Eganstown, to await the inquest. Coroner Goldsmith drove out on the arrival of the evening train, and swore in the jury as follows: Patrick Kelly, foreman, Samuel Menadue, Thomas Reher, Jeremiah Sullivan, Henry Reher, Mathew Underwood and Michael Bolton. Mr. Sutton (Maddock & Jamieson) was a representative of the company. Dr. Ruddle performed the post-mortem examinations on the bodies.

The only evidence called was formal. James Thompson father of Henry Thompson, identified the body as that of his son. William Robinson deposed the other body was that of his brother Henry.

John Daniel, mining manager, told the Coroner, it might be some time before the jury could inspect the bottom of the shaft, owing to the influx of water. The jury agreed to go down the shaft the following morning and see as much as could be seen.

The Coroner then gave an order for the internment of the bodies and adjourned the inquest until the 12th June, at the court house, Daylesford. This was considered sufficient time sufficient time for all arrangements to be made and inspections completed. The Adelaide Co. has voted a sum of £30 to meet the immediate necessities of the widows and families.

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The funeral of the late Mr. Robert Robinson, who lost his life in the Adelaide mine, last Wednesday took place yesterday, from his residence near Eganstown to the Mount Prospect cemetery. The cortege was a very long one. It comprised forty conveyances, a very large number of horsemen, besides a large procession on foot. The miners to the number of about eighty, preceded the hearse from the residence to the main road. There they opened out and allowed the hearse to pass between the ranks, they then taking seats in wagonettes. The A.M.A. was represented by Vice-President Brewer, Secretary DeCarli, Treasurer Bodinnar, and Trustee Fitzpatrick. The bearers were six of the deceased's fellow employees at the mine. Viz., Messrs. J. Norris, T. Hogan, W. Kennedy, T. Hams, P. Martin, and U. Jones. The cord-bearers were Messrs. J. Daniel, manager of the Adelaide mine, T. Harvey, director, A. Mayson, brother-in-law, B.B. Tremirck, and C. and J. Thompson, brothers of the other unfortunate miner who was killed. the Rev. G.A. Parker read the Church of England service and Mr. Verey carried out the funeral arrangements.