

IN MEMORIAM - THE LATE MRS RUSH

We regret to learn that Mrs Rush senr breathed her last at 7 pm last evening, never having regained consciousness after the paralytic stroke. The late Mrs Rush was one of the first emigrants, arriving in Wellington in the ship Oriental on January 31st, 1840. She had resided in the Hutt District for 43 years, having for the last three years resided in Palmerston North. She leaves a large family to mourn her death, all of whom except one son and daughter are residents of the Manawatu district. Her grandchildren number no less than forty. Mrs Rush was 66 at the time of her death, and her husband and family will have many sympathisers in the sad bereavement which they are called upon to sustain. The late Mrs Rush, it will be seen, was one of the pioneer settlers, having arrived in New Zealand two years before her husband, to whom she has been married 41 years. She was an exemplary woman in every relationship of life, and for nearly half a century, with her husband, now left alone in his declining years, she experienced the vicissitudes inseparable from a colonist's life, especially in the earlier days. Her end was painless, and for her death held no terrors. By her dependants and those who knew her during the years gone by, she will be remembered as one who faithfully did her duty, and who lived a blameless life, always striving earnestly to fulfil her responsibilities towards her home and family. We tender our respectful sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased in the severe and sudden affliction which has fallen upon them. Thus pass away one after another the residue of the surviving pioneers of colonisation in New Zealand, of whom now so few are left to tell the tale of hardships endured and difficulties overcome in the olden time.