Death Notice: HOCKNEY. – Oct. 19, at Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, Thomas Herbert Skipworth HOCKNEY, aged 85.

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Death of Mr. T. H. Skipworth HOCKNEY. – A former well known local business man, Mr. Thomas Herbert Skipworth HOCKNEY, died in the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Sunday, after about a month's illness. For the last 12 years he had been living with his sonin-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest JOLLIFFE, at Gardenia, Mayfield Road. For practically 20 years he was in business in Upper High Street as a general draper, and for some time had a branch at Sandown. He retired in 1939. Mr. Skipworth HOCKNEY, who was in his 86th year, was born at Spalding. He will be best remembered for the prominent part he took in the work of the Congregational Church here and in other parts of the country, particularly in Bedford, where he was secretary and a deacon of the Howard Memorial Church from 1896 to 1920. Previously he was closely associated with Doddridge Church, Northampton. On relinquishing his drapery business at Bedford he came to Ryde in 1920, and was a deacon and for some time treasurer of the George Street Congregational Church. He had been a most ardent worker, and for many years hon. treasurer of the local branch of the London Missionary Society, on whose behalf he had raised large sums. His wife died in November, 1946, and his son and daughter survive him.

The Rev. G. J. NELSON officiated at the funeral service in the Congregational Church on Tuesday. The mourners were Mr. P. HOCKNEY (son), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest JOLLIFFE (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. A. J. READ (representing Mrs. H. G. JOLLIFFE), and Mrs. R. C. JOLLIFFE (representing Mr. JOLLIFFE). Among others present were Mrs. G. J. NELSON (representing the Women's Club), Miss M. SUNDERS (London Missionary Society), Mrs. W. ATTRILL (choir), Mrs. PINCHARD (Ladies' Working Party, and also Mr. W. PINCHARD, former church secretary), Mrs. E. W. YELLAND (Doddridge Congregational Church, Northampton), Mrs. I. REASON (Haylands Congregational Church), and Mrs. R. WRIGHT (former employee). The interment was at Ashey Cemetery, and there were wreaths from the George Street and Haylands Congregational Churches.

Messrs. WHEELER Bros made the arrangements

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