

INTERMENT ON THE RYDE HOUSE ESTATE.

We regret to record the death of Mrs **W. PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE**, the highly esteemed wife of the Lord of the Manor of Ryde, which sad event took place after a prolonged illness at Ryde House on Saturday last. The deceased lady, who was a daughter of Mr FAIRBRIDGE, of Seapoint, near Cape Town, South Africa, came to the Island some twenty years since on her marriage with Mr W. PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE, and her genial and affable disposition and kindly thought and consideration for others endeared her to all those with whom she was brought in contact. The sad tidings of her death, at a comparatively early age, was received on all hands with deep regret, and much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved husband and members of the family.

By her special desire, the deceased's last resting place was within a stone's throw of the picturesquely situated home in which she had resided for several years past. Beneath a fine old oak - one of the many studded here and there in the Ryde House Estate, which commands a delightful view of the Solent and the mainland beyond - a site, not far removed from the water's edge, was the place selected for the interment. The funeral was fixed for Tuesday afternoon, and on the morning of that day, the Bishop of Southampton (the Right Rev. J. MACARTHUR, D.D.), performed the ceremony of consecrating what henceforth will be a private burial ground on the estate. His Lordship was attended by the Rev. C. A. W. ROBINS, curate-in-charge of St. Thomas' Church, and the Rev. Viscount MOUNTMORRES, of All Saints' Parish Church.

Prior to the interment, a service was held at St. Thomas', at which Church the PLAYER and BRIGSTOCKE families have always been closely connected. The coffin, which was made of elm from a tree on the estate, was conveyed to the Church on an ambulance motor car, which the deceased's husband last winter used in Flanders in connection with the present war.

The body of the car was completely hidden from view with a network of evergreens on which were placed a large number of beautiful floral offerings. The coffin was carried into the Church by workmen on the estate, and was met at the main entrance by the Rev. C. A. W. ROBINS and the Rev. Viscount MOUNTMORRES.

The mourners included Mr W. PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE, J.P. (husband), Mr George BRIGSTOCKE (brother), Mrs George BRIGSTOCKE (sister-in-law), Mrs BENETT BRIGSTOCKE (aunt), Mrs CURREY (sister), Mr CURREY, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (nephew), Colonel and Mrs AGAR, Captain and Mr Douglas HALL, Mr and Mrs BOGER and the household staff.

Among those present at the Church were the Mayor of Ryde (Mr John I. BARTON), Mr and Mrs E. CARTER, General DONOVAN (Southampton), Sir William WARD, Colonel Montagu ENGLAND, General and Mrs. FETHERSTONHAUGH, Mr Craven HALL, Dr and Mrs WADHAM, Captain and Mrs ALEXANDER, Captain WALFORD, R.N., Mrs Howard BROOKE, Captain and Mrs WELLDON, Captain and Mrs BURT, the Vicar of Ryde (the Rev. Hugh LE FLEMING M.A.), Mr J FARDELL, Mr G. FARDELL, Dr DAVIES, Mr J. W. JACKSON (representing the Conservative and Unionist Club, Lind Street, of which Mr BRIGSTOCKE is the president), Mr G. QUAYLE, Mr J. B. PARNELL, Mr A. TATNALL, Miss TATNALL, Mr Gustav MULLINS, Captain STANNEY, Mr G. H. FRENCH, Mr H. A. PAXTON, Mr A. DASHWOOD, Mr F. WRIGHT, Mr A. LOCKE, Mr J. E. BREBNER, Mr E. WILSON, Mr J. ADAMS, and others.

As the congregation were assembling Mr T. K. PENWARDEN, the organist, played "O rest in the Lord." After the lesson, the hymn. "The King of love my Shepherd is," was sung, and the "Nunc Dimittis" at the close of the service.

As the congregation left the Church the Organist played "Chopin's Funeral March." From St. Thomas' Church the mournful procession proceeded via Spencer Road direct to the place of interment, which was of strictly private character, only the family mourners and household staff, with Dr WADHAM, Mr J. FARDELL, and Captain HEWETT, R.N. (a very old friend of the family), being present. On the coffin was a sheaf of flowers from the different flowering shrubs at Ryde House, to which was attached a card bearing the simple announcement, "From Willie." This, with the floral tributes from the relatives and household staff, was deposited in the grave with the coffin, on the breast plate of which was the inscription:

MARY BRIGSTOCKE,
Died September 4th, 1915.

The final rites at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. C. A. W. ROBINS and the Rev. Viscount MOUNTMORRES.

Among those sending floral offerings were Mrs Archibald CLARKE, Mrs R. C. SAUNDERS, Colonel and Mrs AGAR, Mr and Mrs E. CARTER, Colonel and Mrs J. E. RHODES, Miss QUAYLE, Mr E. WILSON, Mrs DAUBUZ, Mrs THORNTON, Miss Breda FAIRBRIDGE, staff at Ryde House, Captain and Mrs MILLAIS, Captain HEWETT, R.N., Mrs BRIGNELL-DAND and Alister and Richard, Captain and Mrs R. M. ALEXANDER, Miss COTTON and Miss COOMBES, Mrs G. H. HARRISON, Mr and Mrs F. BOGER, Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde, Mrs HATHWAY, Miss WALKER, the Rev Viscount and Viscountess MOUNTMORRES, Raymond ALLEN (deceased's godson), the Rev C. A. W. ROBINS, Mrs G. BRIGSTOCKE, Mrs MORGAN (Buckingham), Mrs RALKEE (Buckingham), Mrs BENETT BRIGSTOCKE, Mr and Mrs G. R. BRIGSTOCKE and children, Mrs CURREY (sister), Miss FAIRBRIDGE (sister), Miss CURREY (niece), Mrs TATNALL and family, Mrs G BRETT, Mrs WATKIN-WILLIAMS, Mr and Mrs WADHAM, Miss Joan WADHAM, Colonel and Mrs Howard BROOKE, Lady GIBBONS, Lieut. W. THELLUSSON, the Rev. and Mrs J. E. EDDIS, Mrs and Miss LEWIS, Captain and Miss ELWES, Captain and Mrs Douglas HALL, Colonel and Mrs LEITH, Admiral Sir Algernon and Lady DE HORSEY, Major and Mrs WYMER, Mr J. F. EARLE, Ryde Conservative Club.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr Charles LANGDON.
