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A.A. BURRELL, M.B., B.Ch.

Dr. A. A. BURRELL, formerly radiologist to the Isle of Wight County Hospital, died at Ryde on February 27. He was 80 years of age.

Arthur Ambrose BURRELL was born at Kingstown, Ireland, on March 9 1879. His early education was at Knutsford School in Cheshire, but he returned to Ireland to study medicine in the University of Dublin, where he graduated M.B., B.Ch in 1902. After some years he took up radiology as a speciality, and set up practice in Ryde, Isle of Wight, in 1912. During the first world war he served in the R.A.M.C., and worked in the 5th Southern General Hospital as Radiologist. In addition to this and his own practice and hospital work he took on that of his friend, Dr. Beverley BIRD, who was away on foreign service, and also the radiology work at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital. After the war he undertook most of the radiological work in the Isle of Wight. In 1928-9 he was chairman of the Isle of Wight Division of the B.M.A. At the onset of the second world war he became radiologist at Osborne House in addition to his civilian duties.

He retired from professional practice in 1946 owing to failing eyesight and from then on devoted himself to the study of the classics, in which he was always deeply interested. He became something of a recluse, but those who were fortunate enough to enter his private sanctum were always enthralled by his erudition, his oratory and his ready wit. Until his retirement he was an active mason, and was at his death the senior member of his Lodge. He was always interested in the progress of radiology, and was at one time president of the Wessex branch of the British Institute of Radiologists.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Rita HESKETH BIGGS, a daughter, and two grandchildren. -L.F.-E.

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