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PASSING OF A NOTED SINGER

The death on Thursday week of Mrs. **Frederica BARKER**, of Chester House, The Strand, marks the passing of a noted figure from the artistic circles of Edwardian days. Under her professional name of Madam RIBIOLO, Mrs. BARKER was famed in an era of famous singers and had many times appeared at Covent Garden. A pupil of the famous Jenny LIND, she studied at the Royal College of Music with the late Queen Alexandra, and appeared many times before the late King Edward VII. Six years ago she came to Ryde to live a quiet and secluded life. A month ago she underwent an operation, but a heart attack on Thursday week proved fatal. Mrs. BARKER was 71 years of age. The funeral was on Monday, the first part of the service being held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, where the Rev. Father STUART officiated at a requiem Mass. The chief mourners were Mr. H. G. DAVEY (nephew), Miss Pamela DAVEY (great-niece), Miss F. DAVEY (niece), Miss H. SPRINGER, Miss FLETCHER, and Miss V. LEGG (household staff). Amongst those attending were the Mayor and Mayoress. Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL were the undertakers.
