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SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. G. M. LOWE

It is with the deepest regret we chronicle the sudden death of Dr. **G.M. LOWE**, M.D. F.R.C.P., which sad event occurred while addressing the children at Bettesworth School on Empire Day. He was observed to stagger and was caught by the Headmaster, Mr. T.W. TRODD, who immediately sent for medical assistance. Dr. D.J. DAVIES was quickly in attendance, but could do no more than pronounce life extinct.

Dr LOWE, who had been of Ryde for 6 or 7 years, was formerly at Newport where he succeeded the late Dr. HOBAN. He was a native of Lincoln where he was for some time a member of the City Corporation. He also held the rank of Lieutenant colonel in the Volunteer Medical Corps (A.M.R., V.D.). on November, 1910, he was an elected a member of the Ryde Town Council on the ****** of the present Mayor (Ald. G.A. BLACKALL, J.P.) to the Aldermanic bench, consequent on the retirement of Ald. S. FOWLER, J.P. Dr. LOWE was appointed to the Education Committee in April, 1911 on the resignation of Mr. A. TEAGUE, and took a keen interest in the education work. He was prince *****

THE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Dr. LOWE took place on Tuesday amidst many signs of sorrow and respect. the first part of the service was held at the Parish Church, where before the arrival of the cortege had assembled the Mayor (Ald. G.A. BLACKALL, J.P.) and members and officials of the Corporation. The Rev. Hugh LE FLEMING conducted the service assisted by the Rev. H.E. SHARPE, Vicar of Newport. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent including five choice wreaths of roses each bearing the inscription "Your own roses, Empire Day, 1912, Miss M. HAMILTON HOLMES." Immediately after the obsequies a special meeting of the Town Council was held to pass a vote of condolence with the deceased family and friends.

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THE LATE DR. LOWE

The remains of the late Dr. **G.M. LOWE**, who died suddenly on Friday last at Bettesworth-road School were interred in Ryde Cemetery on Tuesday morning. The first portion of the service was at All Saints' Parish Church, the officiating clergy being the Vicar of Ryde (the Rev. Hugh LE FLEMING) AND THE Vicar of Newport (the Rev. H.E. SHARPE) the Vicar of Ryde pronounced the committal service at the graveside. The coffin, was almost concealed by beautiful flowers (of which the deceased gentleman was very fond), was of fumed oak with brass mountings. The plate bore the inscription;

George May LOWE, Died May 24th, 1912, Aged 68 years.

The Mayor (Alderman G.A. BLACKALL) and a number of the members of Ryde Town Council, of which Dr. LOWE was a member, attended in their robes, preceded by the Town Sergeant, carrying the mace, which was veiled in crepe. Accompanying the Mayor were the Town

Clerk (Mr. C.G. VINCENT), Alderman H. SWEETMAN, Alderman G.E. MEARS, Councillors J.* BARTON, J.B. PURNELL, W.H.P.F. THIRKELL, C.J. DE LAUNAY, W. DORE, and F. BAND, Mr. C. MATHEW (Borough Surveyor), Mr. C.H. COLLIS (Deputy Town Clerk) Mr. J.T. HARVEY (Borough Engineer), Mr. E. HUNT (Clerk to the Education Committee), Mr. C. GREENSTREET (Chief Constable), Mr. W.H. DANN and Mr. W.C. BLACK (Church wardens) represented Newport Parish Church.

Amongst others present were Mr. S. FOWLER, J.P., Colonel FURLONG, Major ELLERY, Mr. THOMASSET, Mr. Geo. PACK, Mr. HARCOURT, the Rev. H.H. TURNER, Mr. W. AYRES, Mr. H. BERRY, Mr. E. STAYENOW, Mr. F. BARTON (representing the G.F.M. Debating Society), and others.

The chief mourners were the widow and four sons, the Rev. Bernard Steele LOWE (Vicar of Tar, Cornwall), Mr. George Scott LOWE, Dr. Arthur Hamilton LOWE (Grantham), and Dr. Godfrey LOWE (Lincoln).

There were numerous beautiful wreaths, among them the following: "From the Mayor and the Corporation of Ryde," "In affectionate remembrance from his children," "From Edward A. NICHOLSON and Edith J. NICHOLSON," "From two grateful and mourning patients and friends, Mrs. C.R. TAYLOR and Miss Violet TAYLOR," "From Mr. ROWLANDS J. RIVOLTA and Mrs. RIVOLTA and family," "From Margaret P. HENRY and M.A. SPENCER," "Until the day break; with love, M.P.." "From Captain and Mrs. Phillip O NEIL," "From Miss M. HAMILTON HOLMES," "From Mr. Fred REED," "From all at Woodstock," With deepest respect and sympathy from the Maids at Crescent House," "Kind remembrances Birgit and Hjordis BERNTS," "Farewell from a good and true friend, Frederick and Maria THOMASSET," H.YATES, Mr. POGSON, Miss HAYNE, Mr. Henry RAPER and Miss BUTLER, and five wreaths of roses each bearing the inscription "Your own roses, Empire Day, 1912".

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A special meeting of the Ryde Town Council was held on Tuesday, the Mayor (Alderman G.A. BLACKALL) presiding. The Mayor moved the following resolution "That this Council tenders its most sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Dr. LOWE in their sad bereavement, and desires to express its appreciation of the public services he rendered to the town." Alderman SWEETMAN seconded and it was carried in silence, the members standing.

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THE LATE DR. G.M. LOWE

The chairman said before proceeding with ordinary business he was sure it would be their wish that he should propose that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of the late respected member, Dr. LOWE, expressing the committee's sympathy with the members of his family. He was not on that committee for very long, but during the time he was connected with it he took great interest in the work of education and his death would be a great loss to the committee.

The Vice-chairman seconded and said Dr. LOWE always took a very deep interest in the work of education and in everything concerning the welfare of the town. He endorsed all that the Chairman had said with regard to the deep interest Dr. LOWE took in the School of Science and Art, with the Y.M.C.A. and other institutions, and if at any time he could be of service educationally to any institution in the borough he was only too ready to do his utmost to further education in that direction (hear hear).

It was a very great loss to the. Dr. LOWE was a man with the highest qualifications in the medical world and was always ready to place his knowledge at their disposal.

The resolution was carried in silence, the members standing.

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