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Abode: 3 Jubilee Cottages, Clarendon Place, Newport, IW.

Phillip TOPP, Head. M. 60. Gardener. Sturminster, Dorset.

Sarah J. TOPP. Wife. M. 58. Ryde, IW.

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THE LATE MR. **TOPP**, Methodist Worker –

The Ryde Primitive Methodist Church has sustained a heavy loss in the passing of Mr. **Philip TOPP**, who died suddenly on April 22nd in his 84th year. Born in Sturminster, Newton, in Dorset. Mr. TOPP came to Ryde in his early teens. He was a loyal member and ardent supporter of the Church he loved. For many years he was Society Steward at the old Chapel in Star-street, an office which he also filled at the Oakfield Church. At the time of his death he was a Trustee of the Ryde Church and also of the Manse. In politics Mr. TOPP was an ardent Liberal. He is survived by his wife to whom the sympathy of many friends goes out. A service at the High-street Church preceded the interment at Ryde Cemetery. The Rev. S. Stanley COULSON officiated. The mourners were Mrs. TOPP (wife), Mr. George TOPP (brother), Mr. and Mrs. TRUCKLE (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. GATRELL (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. HEWITT (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. A. TOPP (nephew), Mr. E. P. TOPP (nephew), Miss E. TOPP (niece), Mr. and Mrs. W. MORRIS (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. E. LEE (nephew and niece), Mr. GATRALL (nephew), Mrs. PRICE (niece), the Rev. S. S. and Mrs. COULSON, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. SAUNDERS, and Mr. C. GREGORY. Amongst the large company attending were Mr. Leslie CHATFIELD-CLARKE, J.P., Mr. E. T. MINTER, J.P., Mr. W. R. TAYLOR, J.P., Miss Henry, Mr. H. D. MABEY, Mr. A. MABEY, Mr. T. TUTTON, Mr. J. STRATFORD, Mr. H. BULL, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. BULL, Miss JONES, Miss STRATFORD, Mr. and Mrs. W. GATRALL, Mr. and Mrs. W. GRIFFIN, Mr. H. BARTLETT, and many of the other members of the Church and friends. At the graveside Mr. TOPP's favourite hymn "Precious Promise" was feelingly sung. The floral tributes were from his ever loving and sorrowing wife; brother George and wife; Rhoda and William; Helen and George; E. and W. MORRIS; E. and F. LEE; A. and C. COWARD; Dora and Dick; Bertie, Cissie and Ali; Queen and Bert; also from the Rev. S. S. and Mrs. COULSON; Miss JONES; members and friends from the Ryde Primitive Methodist Church; Mr. J. and Miss STRATFORD; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. SAUNDERS, and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BUTT and Mr. G. BENNETT.

On Sunday evening a Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. S. Stanley COULSON in the High-street Church when a good number assembled to pay their tribute to one who was so greatly loved. Mr. H. D. MABEY spoke words reminiscent of the old days in Star-street, whilst the choir impressively rendered the anthem "What are these arrayed in White." Mr. E. P. TOPP who presided at the organ feelingly played the

Dead March in Saul. The Rev. S. Stanley COULSON who preached from the text “Thou shalt be missed because thy seat be empty” spoke of the useful life which had been lived in their midst. He reminded his hearers that Heaven’s empty places are filled only as these seats in the home and Church become vacant. The more we lose to Heaven the greater will our gain be there.

Mrs. TOPP takes this opportunity of thanking all the friends who sent floral tributes or who have written in sympathy.
