

DEATH OF MR. E. R. OSBORNE

With sincere regret, which will be shared by a great many of our readers, we have to record the death of Mr. **Edward Robert OSBORNE**, which occurred at his residence, Coombe Leigh, Queen's Road, Ryde, on Tuesday. The deceased, who was only 55 years of age, had been in business for many years in Ryde as a painter and decorator. It is not too much to say that Mr. OSBORNE was generally liked by all with whom he was brought into contact. His kindness of heart and genial manner made him a host of friends. In Masonic circles he was very well known, and it was only at the recent annual meeting of the East Medina Lodge, No.175 (Ryde), that he was installed Worshipful Master for the year. For some time past he had been suffering from gout, which last week necessitated his confinement to the house. It was known that he was ill, but it was not until Sunday that it was realised that his condition was critical, owing to his heart being affected.

The funeral took place this (Friday) afternoon, when a large number of Freemasons from the Ryde East Medina and neighbouring lodges attended the obsequies. The remains were first conveyed by open hearse to the Parish Church from the deceased's residence in Queen's Road. They were enclosed in a coffin of polished oak, with brass fittings, on which was the inscription:- "Edward Robert OSBORNE, died 8th March, 1910, aged 55." The coffin was scarcely visible under its magnificent pall of flowers. Following the coach came the mourning carriages, in which were Mr. B. HILL (son-in-law), Mr. Frank OSBORNE (brother), Mr. A. HILL, Mr. A. W. HILL, Mr. G. W. PEAT, Mr. T. B. GREEN, Mr. H. J. OSBORNE (cousin), Mr. F. LONGLEY, Mr. E. OSBORNE (cousin), and Mr. J. POTTER (nephew). The employees of the firm also followed the coffin. The Freemasons had assembled at the Masonic Lodge, John Street, and proceeded to the church, where they lined both sides of the porch and entrance. Among the brethren present were:-

Officers and members of East Medina Lodge, 175- Messrs. A. PAGE, I.P.M., E. C. LOADER, S.W., W. G. FINCH, J.W., the Rev. C. L. BLAKE, Chaplain, J. ELLERY, Treas., J. R. DIXON, sec., G. E. YOUNG, S.D., M. J. OSBORNE, J.D., F. SHOTTER, D.C., H. E. FROGBROOK, A.D.C., A. E. JAMES, I.G., O. J. FEBEN, Organist, A. BLACKBURN, Steward, Colonel E. W. CRADOCK, P.P.G.J.D., Messrs E. R. RATCLIFFE, P.P.G.S.D., E. GROVES, P.P.G. Reg., J. A. MOXEY, P.M., T. B. GREEN, P.P.J.G.W., Kent, A. MARLOW, P.P.A.D.C., C. LANGDON, P.P.D.G.D.C., G. MULLINS, P.M., H. J. OSBORNE, P.M., F. F. FARRAND, P.M., A. E. COOMBES, P.M., F. W. SERGENT, P.M., E. W. LEONARD, P.M., Tenison SMITH, P.P.D.G.D.C., H. G. R. WEARN, L. LUSCOMBE, C. BUTT, Ellis PALMER, J. WHEELER, W. L. HARMON, E. R. JACOBS, F. W. SIVELL, L. R. SHUTTE, J. H. DOWN, P.M., C. J. de LAUNAY, P.M., E. G. STROUD, P.P.G.D.D.C., W. H. LONG, P.P.J.G.D., L. H. NEWBALD, W. ABRAHAM.

Visitors from other lodges; Mr. C. MANNERS CLARKE, W.M., Ryde Lodge 698; the Rev. A. W. McELWEE, W.M. Medina Lodge 35; Mr. W. H. BRADING, Osborne Lodge 2169; Mr. L. W. JACKSON, Chine Lodge 1884; Mr. H. D. KEMP, Medina Lodge 35; Mr. W. COULDREY, W.M., Mr. J. F. BIDDLECOMBE, Mr. R. RUSSELL, Mr. J. H. JOHNCOX, Mr. H. A. MATTHEWS, P.M., Mr. A. WILSON, Mr. N. C. GREENHAM, Mr. W. R. CAWS, Mr. T. OCCOMORE, Mr. C. FARRAND, Chine Lodge, 1884; Captain H. W. R. MILLAIS, Nagasaki Lodge, 710 (Japan); Mr. Harold G. NUTT, P.M., Mr. Francis TURNER, Ryde Lodge, 698; Mr. J. M. CAPEL, P.M., Mr. H. P. WILTON, Mr. C. G. ASHDOWNE, Sandown Lodge, 1869; Mr. J. G. PINNOCK, P.M., Mr. G. T. GROUNDSELL, P.M., Albany Lodge, 151; Mr. W. G. WILSON, Mr. A. A. JEROME, Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1834; Mr. H. LININGTON, P.M., Yarborough Lodge, 351.

At the Church there were also a large number present. These included: Dr. P. D. TURNER, Messrs. R. COLENUTT, W. HOPGOOD, H. BERRY, A. GRINHAM, T. HERRING, J.

DUFFETT, A. LOWE, C. MATHEW, and others. The service was read by the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh le FLEMING, M.A.). At the conclusion the procession, with the Freemasons at the head, reformed and proceeded to the Cemetery. Here the members of the Lodges assembled around the grave in the form of a square as the last rites were performed by Bro. the Rev. C. L. BLAKE, Ch., and at the conclusion walked past and dropped the sprigs of acacia worn by each member on the coffin. There was a large gathering of the general public at the graveside.

Flowers were sent by the following: "To my dear one from his loving and devoted wife."
Mr. and Mrs George HILL, Annie, Grace and Jess, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. GREEN, Bro. F. F. FARRAND, P.M., Mr. and Mrs. F. G. FLUX, Lady BROWN and the Misses BROWN, Captain and Mrs. Hugo MILLAIS, Captain and Mrs. SWEETMAN and Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DYER, Mrs. DOWN and Family, the Employees, Cousin Harry, Lizzie and Family, A. HILL, May and Beatie, Miss DENNEHY, Joan, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. MATTHEWS, Members of Lodge of Freemasons, 175 and 698, the Rev. and Mrs. W. WALTER, Flo, Bert and Frank, Miss L. BRIND, Brother Alf; Ernest and Agnes; Sally and Wellesley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. PEAT and Family, Mr. and Mrs. James PATERSON, Mr. and Mrs. LONGLEY, Nell and Arthur, Tom, Lucy, and Family, Mr. MOORE and Family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. LANGDON.

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