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Archibald W. CLARKE. Head. M. 75. Lt. Col. Retired (Army). Patricroft, Lancs.

Florence B. CLARKE. Wife. M. 45. Beaumont, Jersey.

Nora F. CLARKE. Dau. S. 19. Ryde, IW.

Vanda M. CLARKE. Dau. S. 9. Ryde, IW.

Marie M. NICOLLE. Sister-in-Law. S. 53. St. Heliers, Jersey.

Francis RIGBY. Serv. S. 41. Manservant (Domestic). Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

Kate H. LEE. Serv. M. 37. Cook (Domestic). Newchurch, IW.

Bessie LEE. Cook's Dau. S. 7. Shanklin, IW.

Ada VINCENT. Serv. S. 19. Useful Maid Domestic. Aldershot, Hants.

Kate TILLER. Serv. S. 24. Housemaid Domestic. Gurnard, Cowes, IW.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday May 25th 1901.

DEATH OF COLONEL ARCHIBALD W. CLARKE.

We have with unfeigned regret to announce the death of Col. **Archibald W. CLARKE** on Monday morning last, at the age of 76. The deceased gentleman came to live at Thornbrough, Binstead- road, Ryde, many years ago and soon evinced that enthusiastic interest in Island politics which he manifested to the last. He succeeded the late Major A. F. LEEDS as vice-president of the Ryde polling district of the I.W. Conservative Association and was very active in promoting the candidature of the present Lord Chief Justice, then Sir Richard WEBSTER. On the death of Mr. F. WHITE- POPHAM he became president of the I.W. Conservative Association, in which post he found ample scope for his energy. He was always an ardent supporter of the Primrose League and by his enthusiasm and geniality of character he did good work for his party and made many personal friends.

The deceased officer was lieut.-Colonel of the 3rd Battalion South Lancashire Regiment. His corps volunteered for service in the Mediterranean at the period of the Crimean War, and Col. CLARKE was for some time stationed with it at Malta. The deceased officer shared to the full in an Englishman's love of sport. Until his health began to fail he was regularly found out with the I.W. Hunt. For some 10 years he filled the post of president of the Ryde Cricket Club; indeed he only resigned that post at the last annual meeting. The services he rendered to that organisation by frequent attendance at the matches and by promoting its success, especially from a social point of view, were warmly appreciated by the members, who showed their sense of indebtedness by frequently re-electing him. The Isle of Wight Infirmary has lost a true friend by the removal of Col. CLARKE from our midst.

The knell of the Parish-church was tolled on Monday evening on the death becoming known, and the flag at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, of which deceased was a member, was flown at half mast.

The funeral took place on Thursday morning at Binstead cemetery. Deceased's remains were enclosed in a polished oak coffin with brass furniture, the inscription on the lid being "Archibald William CLARKE, died 20th May, 1901." The interment took place in a brick grave beside that of the deceased's infant son, who died in 1885. The grave was prettily decorated with evergreens, picked out with white iris and lilac, with a cross of arum lilies and other flowers at the head. The Burial Office was said wholly at the graveside by the Rev. C. RHODES HALL, of St. Tomas's, Ryde, which church the gallant officer was wont to attend.

The personal mourners were Mr. and Mrs. E. LAWSON (son-in-law and daughter), Major DAVIES (brother-in-law), and Nurse FRANKLIN. There was also present the Hon. Mrs. GOUGH-CALTHORPE and Miss GOUGH-CALTHORPE, Col. CAREY, the Hon. H. and Mrs. VEREKER,

Capt. FANE, Lady DALY, Mrs. FETHERSTONHAUGH, Lieut. GARTSIDE-TIPPING, R.N., Col. ENGLAND, Mr. E. R. CORRIE, J.P., Mr. ROACH PITTIS, J.P., Capt. and Mrs. GREEN, Mr. Arthur BROWNE, Mr. A. H. TATTNALL, Mr. Perey THELLUSSON (vice president of the Ryde District I.W. Conservative Association), Mr. W. HAMMOND RIDDETT, J.P. (hon. treasurer I.W. Conservative Association), Mr. H. SWEETMAN, J.P. (Col. Clarke's immediate successor as vice president of the Ryde District of the I.W. Conservative Association), Major SWEETMAN and Ald. J. JAMES, J.P., also representing that Association, and Mr. C. LANGDON the Ryde Conservative Club, Mr. G. A. BRANNON, managing director of the *County Press* (representing the directors, editor, and staff of that journal, the late Colonel having been chairman of the board of directors), Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. Evelyn RICH, Mr. A. R. BROOKE LEEDS, Mr. S. FOWLER, J.P., and Mr. George FARDELL. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. J. A. PURNELL.

The beautiful floral tributes were thus inscribed:-

From Wifey, "The cock's shrill clarion, or the echoing horn,
No more shall rouse him from his lowly bed."- Gray's Elegy.

In loving remembrance, from Edward and Mildred.

From his sorrowing children, Nora and Vanda. "My peace I give unto thee, not as the world gives I unto thee."

To our dearly loved brother, from Major and Mrs. DAVIES.

With Maria's love.

A last token of very sincere regard and friendship from Somerset and Leila GOUGH-CALTHORPE.

With deep regret and much sympathy, from the Hon. Henry and Mrs. VEREKER.

With deep sympathy from Lady DALY.

With deepest regret and much sympathy, from Lady BROWNE.

From Captain and Mrs. GREEN, with much love and sympathy.

With sincerest sympathy, from General and Mrs. FETHERSTONHAUGH.

With sincere regards, from the flag officers and members of the R.V.Y.C.

With deepest sympathy from Colonel and Mrs. HOWARD-BROOKE.

With much sympathy, from Mrs. Hugh BELLOT and the Misses CLARKE.

In memory of dear Uncle Archie, with true sympathy and love, from Alice M. CLARKE.

A tribute of sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. SMITH (coachman).

With deepest sympathy, from Colonel and Mrs. BROWNE, Monteagle, Shanklin.

With deep sympathy, from Mr. Arthur BROWNE.

With deepest sympathy, from the servants.

In kind remembrance, Mrs. Edward ARBUTHNOT.

With much sympathy, from Mrs. TATTNALL and family.

With Mr. and Mrs. T. F. PERROTT's very deep sympathy.

In kind remembrance, from Mrs. Henry ROGERS and Miss MACLEAN.

With deep sympathy, from Mr. H. C. SUTTON, Miss SUTTON, and Captain and Mrs. RHODES.

With Mr. and Mrs. E. D. OPPERT's deepest sympathy.

Life's work well done,

Life's course well run,

Life's crown well won,

Then cometh rest.

In kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MEARES.

With sincere sympathy, from Mrs. PHENE.

With kind remembrance and much sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. HUNTER and Miss HUNTER.

In loving sympathy, from Mary and Florrie.

In affectionate remembrance, from Miss HAMILTON.

In affectionate remembrance, from Mrs. POOLE.

Mr. W. H. WOOLDRIDGE, St. Peter's, Sandown, with great regret and kind sympathy.

With deepest sympathy, from Captain and Mrs. John SEELY.
From directors, Editor, and staff of the *I. W. County Press*, with deepest sympathy and in kindly and grateful remembrance.

Mr. Robey F. ELDRIDGE, J.P., C.A. was prevented by an engagement in London from attending the funeral of Col. CLARKE.

Flags were flying at half-mast at the Town-hall and the Conservative Club, Ryde, and at the *County Press* office, Newport, on the day of the funeral.

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