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Death Notice:-

SMITH: On the 21st inst., at 148 High-Street, Ryde, Mr. **Edward SMITH** aged 74 years.

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DEATH OF MR. E. SMITH

We regret to record the death of an old and respected tradesmen of the town, Mr. **Edward SMITH**, of Bon Marche, High-Street, which occurred on Thursday afternoon. Our deceased townsmen had been laid by for nearly twelve months, his indisposition being, it is believed, first brought on by worry and anxiety owing to the illness of a near relative. For 50 years Mr. SMITH has carried on the well-known business in the High Street, and no tradesmen in the town has been better known. For many years he has been a familiar face at fashionable functions as he supplied from his large stock all that was necessary for setting the tables. No one could come in contact with Mr. SMITH without respecting him, as he was a man of exceptional intelligence.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday next.

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THE LATE MR. E. SMITH

The funeral of one of our oldest Ryde tradesmen, Mr. **E. SMITH**, took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at Ryde Cemetery. The first part of the service was chorally rendered at All Saints' Church the Rev. J. SHEARME and J.C TURNER officiating. Four of the deceased's sons (Messrs. Joshua, Louis, Arthur, and Wallace SMITH) were present, and amongst those who paid the last tribute of respect to our old townsman were Messrs. H.H. POLLARD, J.P., Mr. J. WHITE, H. LONG, sen., W. JACOBS, T, MORPHEY, J. DIMMICK, A.E. KNIGHT, E. WRIGHT, and J. MASON. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by relatives and friends.

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