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Alice LEVETT. Dau. M. 29. Acton, Middx.

Frank W. FARRAND. Son. S. 23. Gas Meter Inspector. Acton, Middx.

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Death Notice:-

FARRAND: On October 27th, at Lucerno Villa, Park-Road, Ryde, **Frank F. FARRAND**, aged 69 years.

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THE LATE MR. F. F. FARRAND.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death took place on Friday evening of last week of Mr. **Frank F. FARRAND**, the greatly respected and genial engineer and manager of the Ryde Gaslight Company. There was no better man in this town than Mr. FARRAND, and the news of his passing away came as a great shock to his host of friends as it was not generally known that he was laid aside by illness, which was only of a few days duration, previous to which he was fully occupied in the carrying out of his important duties, which since the breakout of war, have been of a particularly arduous and exacting nature, and more especially of late in connection with the requirements of the military authorities in providing for the lighting, etc., of various houses occupied by the troops stationed in the town, work which had to be carried out with a greatly depleted staff. The deceased who was in his 70th year leaves a widow, two sons, and a married daughter to whom the sincerest sympathy has been extended in their sad bereavement.

The late Mr. FARRAND came of a gas engineering family, his father being manager at Croydon Gas Works, and on leaving school he received from his first training in gas matters. He afterwards passed through the workshop of the Croydon firm acquired a good sound knowledge of an engineering establishment. His next step was an appointment as assistant to his father in the erection of a new gas works at Waddon. On the completion of these works he entered the employment of a London firm who were responsible for carrying out many gas and water undertakings. At this time Mr. FARRAND became acquainted with the late Mr. R.P. SPICE, M. Inst., C.E. who made a name in the gas world and became a lifelong friend. By him he was appointed superintendent in the Gas Company at Wormwood Scrubs and here he had an experience unique in the history of the gas manufacture, for it was at these works that water gas was first made in this country. In 1876 the precarious state of the health of his father caused him to return to

Croydon to take up the duties of management temporarily. He afterwards entered the firm of Messrs. S. CUTLER and Sons and carried out the erection of new works at Tunbridge Wells from the designs of Mr. SPICE, who warmly acknowledged Mr. FARRAND'S practical knowledge and aptitude to meet contingencies. On the strong recommendations of Mr. SPICE he became works manager at the Ryde Gaslight Company, 36 years ago, and on the demise of Mr. George GARNETT, M. Inst. C.E., in 1895, was appointed engineer and manager. By his advice important and costly additions have been carried out from time to time. Among these were the placing of a large gasholder and the regenerative retort settings. Mains were extended to Binstead and Seaview and a model plant for the manufacture of sulphate of ammonia was erected and, had his life been spared, he would probably have installed the vertical system of heating retorts, a scheme of which he was greatly interested and over which he had spent months of careful study. Mr. FARRAND was most persevering and enthusiastic in his work, and before the Company adopted the improvements mentioned, he visited many of the most important gas undertakings in the country so as to be *au fait* in the most up-to-date methods and improvements. He joined the British Association of Gas Managers, now Committee of the Gas Engineers and a past president of the I.W. Association of Gas Engineers. The number of managers and directors who visited the Ryde Gas Works and the considerable correspondence he had with them, proved how highly his experienced judgement was sought and appreciated. Mr. FARRAND was deeply interested in the prosperity of Ryde and although a very busy man he was always most willing to assist others in advancing its interests. He will be greatly missed not only by the directors and officers of the Ryde Gaslight Co., but by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His two sons have been brought up as gas engineers; the elder is manager of the Havant Gas Works and the younger has for some time been the assistant at the Ryde Works. The deceased was a Past Master of the East Medina, No. 175, of Freemasons, having been initiated in November, 1896, passing the chair in 1907. He took great interest in the craft and was most proficient in the ritual, being one of the oldest brethren in Lodge instruction. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in 1899, and first principal, in 1911, and was still in office as third Principal at the time of his death. It was a great pleasure to him to visit other Lodges, and proof of high regard in which he was held was evidenced by the large attendance of brethren at

THE FUNERAL

Which took place on Tuesday afternoon, the ante-grave service being held at Holy Trinity Church, the Vicar (the Rev. J.E. EDDIS, M.A., R.D) officiating. The mourners included Mr. C.J. FARRAND and Mr. F.W. FARRAND (sons), Mr. C.C. LEVETT (son-in-law), Mr. C. W. BOTLEY (nephew), and Mr. A. E. COOMBES. Among those present representing the various Gas Companies in the Island and mainland were the following: Alderman E. GROVES, J.P. (chairman), Alderman F.W. RANDALL, J.P., and Alderman G.E. MEARS, J.P., directors Ryde Gaslight Company, and the whole of the employees at the works; Mr. H.W. FALKNER (manager), Mr. A. SCARR (director), Sandown; Mr. F.C. TAYLOR (manager), Mr. R. YOUNG (director), Shanklin; Mr. J.S. INESON (manager), Ventnor; Mr. S.W. IBBOTSON, (manager), Mr. F. KING (secretary), Newport; Mr. BUTTERFIELD (manager), Cowes; Mr. R. FISH (manager), East Cowes; Mr. J.W. LORD (Freshwater); Mr. W.F. FALKNER (manager), and Mr. W.D. SMITH (secretary), Brading Harbour; Mr. RITSON (manager), Chichester; Mr. ASHWORTH (manager), Portsea Island; and Mr. EADY, from Southampton, representing Mr. HEAD, of Winchester. Mr. C.E. DAWKINS and Mr. A.W. OKE, directors of the Ryde Gas Company, were unavoidably prevented from being present.

The East Medina Lodge of Freemasons was represented by the following brethren: J.A. MOREY, W.M., Major J. ELLERY, OSBORNE, Mr. J. OSBORNE, H. J. DOWN, P. V. COOMBES, C. LANGDON, E. J. WHEELER, W. H. LONG, F. B. HOLT, J. G. DUFFETT, W. PEARCE, F. OSBORNE, F. W. SARGENT, E. CRABB, O. FEBEN, C. GREENSTREET, A. PAGE, A. J. DIMMICK, and C. J. de LAUNAY. Among other Masonic brethren present were Brs. Rowland RUSSELL, J. JOHNCOX, Nelson PAYNE, and W. COULDREY, Chine Lodge, Shanklin; F. H.

MASTERS, Sandown; B. SPEERING and W. WILSON, Portsmouth; and G. H. THURSTON, London.

Others at the church included Dr. PRIDMORE, Captain STANNEV, Messrs. J. B. PURNELL, F. JOURNET, C. MATHEW, G. H. FRENCH, E. C. GOBLE, T. B. GREEN, C. W. JACKMAN, E. A. AUSTIN, Capel MORRIS, S. GRIMSDICK, E. DAMP, E. W. GILBERT (Fraser & White), &c.

The concluding rites at the Cemetery were conducted by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, and as the Masonic brethren filed past the grave they dropped sprigs of acacia on to the coffin, which was of polished elm with brass fittings and plate bearing the following inscription:

FRANK FREDERICK FARRAND

Died Oct. 27th, 1916.

Aged 69.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were those sent by his devoted and heart broken wife; his loving children and grandchildren; in loving memory of dear uncle, from Doney and Lizzie; with deep regret and sympathy from the Directors of the Ryde Gaslight Company; in remembrance from the employees of the Ryde Gaslight Company with deep sympathy; with deep fraternal sympathy from the Master, Warden, and Brethren of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175; with deep sympathy from the Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde; with sincere sympathy and regret from Mr. and Mrs. F. JOURNET, in remembrance of an old and esteemed friend; from P. W. GILBERT with deepest sympathy; with sincere regards and deep sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. CHEESEWRIGHT; Mr. and Mrs. FISH, with deep sympathy and in remembrance of an old esteemed friend; with deepest sympathy from Hilda; from Mr. and Mrs. A. E. COOMBES and family, with deep regret; with deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. J. V. BLAKE and family; with deepest regret and sincere sympathy from the Members of the I.W. Gas Association; in fraternal remembrance from the Principal and Members of the East Medina Chapter; with sincere sympathy from the Directors and Officials Brading Harbour District Gas Company; a final token of sincere sympathy and respect from Mr. and Mrs. E. A. AUSTIN; with deep sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. HAPGOOD; in kind remembrance and deep sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. MATHEW; with sincere sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. F. L. TUTTE, as a token of esteem and regard for our dear old friend and with the sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Falkner and family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. WHEELER Bros., and the Masonic and several of the other wreaths were supplied by Mr. A. J. DIMMICK.

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