

### DEATH OF NURSE BOLTON

The death occurred on Friday of Nurse **BOLTON** a stalwart on Island nursing. It was only a year ago that she celebrated her silver jubilee as a nurse associated with the Ryde District Nursing Association. By reason of her duties and the kindness which she displayed in their performance deceased was one of the most popular and best loved members of the community. This was adequately proved recently when her health began to fail, and a special fund was organised in Ryde on her behalf.

Nurse **BOLTON** came to Ryde in March 1910, when the staff of the Association numbered only four, and the number of births dealt with in a year from the Home was almost double the total of today. During her first years of Ryde, she had personally the supervision of an average of 116 maternity cases each year. In 1918 she became the School Nurse and 2 years later left the town for a well earned and much needed rest. Altogether Nurse attended over 2,000 confinements in Ryde, with only one case of maternal mortality. Before coming to Ryde, Nurse **BOLTON** worked at the Brixham Cottage Hospital and received her early training in London.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon when a service at All Saints Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Neville **MARTIN**) assisted by the Vicar the Rev. E.J. **FORSE**. Hymns sung were "Now the Labourer's task is o'er" and "Praise my soul the King of Heaven." Mr. E.G. **WELSH** who presided at the organ played "Oh rest in the Lord" as the cortege left the church, his other voluntaries taking the form of three choral preludes by Hubert **PARRY**. The Vicar also officiated at the interment.

In the address the Vicar said they had met together that afternoon to pay respect to, and mourn over the loss of a beautiful; a life spent in the service of mankind; a life spent in the service of her Master. They were to lay to rest the mortal remains of one who had never spared herself, and did all she could to alleviate the suffering to those to whom she ministered. When they thought of the fact that she was 67 years of age and recalled that only a few weeks ago seeing pushing her bicycle all hours of the day and night up the hill of the town bringing comfort and real hope to the hearts of every home to which she entered, they asked themselves "could a life be better spent than the life of **Alice Mary BOLTON**." It had been said, and he agreed with it, that it was far better to wear out than to rust out. They knew that God had been merciful in taking her to himself, and that a life of inactivity would have been almost unsupportable to her. When her work was done and she was laid aside for the past few weeks it was the mercy of God which brought about her end. There was something beautiful about the burial of someone who had lived a life like Nurse **BOLTON**. There was a natural sorrow, but there was also the joy in the knowledge that she was now at rest and that she had heard the voice saying to her "Well done faithful servant, enter now to the joy of Heaven".

### THE MOURNERS

Chief mourners were Miss M. **BOLTON** (sister), Dr. B. **LLOYD** (nephew), Rev. K. **BOLTON** (nephew), and Miss **LLOYD** (niece).

The Nursing Association staff was represented by the following: Miss **HOLMES** (superintendent), the Misses **GOLDSMITH**, **BARROW**, **GOODWIN**, **COUGHLAN**, **BODEY** and **LATHLEAN** and Mrs. **WHEELER** (nursing staff) and the Misses **L. SLATER** and **B. JAMES** (Home staff). Members of the Committee present included Councillor **S.R. BIRD** and Miss **M. FIRTH** (hon. Secretaries). Dr. **FIRMAN EDWARDS**, Mrs. **WHEELER** and Mr. **J.B. COOMBES**.

Other mourners included Mrs. A. **DENNIS** (representing the Mayor of Ryde, Ald. Major A. **DENNIS**), Miss **FILLEY** (superintendent of the County Nursing Association). Miss **LAMBERT**, **M.B.E.** (former I.W. nursing superintendent). Miss **WILLIAMSON** (ex-matron of the County

Hospita), The Misses BLAKE, STOREY. CHAPMAN and DAISH (Ryde V.A.D. detachment), Miss JOHNSON (representing the Portsmouth Nursing Association), Miss COOPER (Newport Nursing Association), Miss H. PRESTON (Carisbrooke Nursing Association), Miss E. PRESTON (Cowes Nursing Association), Matron SCOTT (Ryde Home Hospital), the Misses BLADES (Cowes) and P. THELLUSON, J.P., Miss WARDROPER (representing Mrs. OGLE President of the Nursing Fellowship of the Mothers' Union), Nurse EGHAM, Nurse WHITTY, Madame Maud SANTLEY, Sister BRICE, Mrs. HOLT, Mrs. J.B. COOMBES, Mr. A.F. SELF, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. YOUNG, Mr. C.A. KING, Mr. A.J. GALE, Mr. and Mrs. RUSSELL, Nurse TILLEY, Mesdames BLUNT, SPURGEON, HAWES, H. AUSTIN, DIBBENS, RUSSELL, THOMAS, JOLLIFFE, MILFORD, QUELCH, CORNEY, NEWMAN, BUTLER, HART, HERBERT, HUNT, LIFE, BLOOMFIELD, MORRIS, DUVAL, PARSONS, THORNTON, NEWNHAM, WHITE, WILLIAMS, NORRIS, CRABB, FORD, DAINES, SCOTT, WILSON, M. GRAY, ADAMS, STROUD, TIBBEL, SUTTON, KIRBY, E.C. LOADER, G. WILLIAMS, CHATFIELD, DENHAM, HALSTEAD, and WELSTEAD. The Misses TOLMAN, E. BIGGS, COMDEN, WILLIAMS, KIRKUP, ANDREW, HARMSWORTH, SKINNER, LOADER, FORD, MORTON, TURNBULL, LANGDON, M. SMITH, GARDNER, and BUTCHERS.

Upwards of fifty beautiful floral tributes were sent, including those from the Ryde District Nursing Association, her fellow members and the Home staff, the Isle of Wight mid-wives, the Red Cross Centre, Mrs. OGLE and the Nurses Fellowship of the Mothers' Union, members of All Stants' Mothers' Union, the licensed motor drivers at Ryde Esplanade, and "Three of her babies."

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