

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1894

Death Notice:-

**RAINE:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., at Haylands Manor, Ryde, **Charlotte Rosa RAINE**, aged 74, R.I.P.

(Also in the IW Times Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> June 1894 page 5 - no further information)

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### **DEATH OF MISS RAINE**

It is with very sincere regret, which we know will be shared by all the inhabitants of Ryde, we record the death, on Tuesday morning, of Miss RAINE, of Haylands Manor, after a short illness.

The deceased had resided for many years at Swanmore, and took the greatest possible interest in her poorer neighbours, for whose benefit she arranged and carried out many philanthropic schemes. Amongst these were a clothing club whose members had the benefit of mutual co-operation supplemented by Miss RAINE's generosity. To her kindly solicitude is due the fact that, though Haylands is a poorer neighbourhood, the children there are generally so comfortably clad and well looked after.

The girls at the Sunday School were also invited by her at regular intervals, when they had the run of the beautiful gardens; and the mother's meetings (likewise held at frequent intervals at her house) were pleasant re-unions for her neighbours. If any one were sick they could always obtain everything that was necessary at the Manor.

Miss RAINE, like a true shepherdess, knew every member of her flock, and at a gathering of them would look round and pick out the absentees in an instant. That they all loved and appreciated her was proved by the enthusiastic way in which they spoke of her. She contributed help to those around her without injuring their sense of self-respect, and this is the right thing to do.

In all this Miss RAINE was actuated by a high sense of duty. She strove to follow a great example, and in doing so she cared nothing about the opinion of the world. She took much interest in St. Michael's Church. It will be remembered that she built the chancel of the church, and was always its greatest supporter. The chancel will long remain as a monument of her generosity, but she has another, almost as enduring---the affectionate remembrance of the many young people she has helped and taught.

### **FUNERAL (To-Day)**

The remains of the late Miss RAINE, which were enclosed in a very handsome polished oak coffin with brass mountings and coped top, were conveyed to the church on Thursday evening, and were watched by relays all through the night. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion this morning at 7 and 8 o'clock, and a full choral celebration at half past 10, when the church was crowded. The Vicar (the Rev. W. F. J. HANBURY) took the celebration, and the late Vicar (the Rev. W. M. SPENCER) was also present.

The service was a most beautiful one, reflecting great credit on Miss FOWLES, the musical director. The anthem sung during the communion was the "Souls of the Righteous," by a local composer, Miss M. E. NICHOLSON, and the hymns were "Christ will gather in his own," and "Now the labourer's task is o'er."

At the conclusion of the service in the church, the coffin was placed on a wheeled bier and covered with the St. Michael's pall, violet with white cross. As the procession was leaving the church the "Nunc Dimittis" was beautifully sung. On the road to the Cemetery, the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was sung, and at the Cemetery gates, "Let saints on earth in concert sing."

The mourners and personal friends of the deceased present in the Cemetery numbered over three hundred, and the total number in the Cemetery on the occasion must have been over a

thousand. The officiating clergy were the Revs. W. F. J. HANBURY, W. M. SPENCER, and ALLEN (curate). The grave was lined with moss, ivy leaves and flowers.

The chief mourners were the Rev. T. C. B. SCOTT, Miss JAMES, George B. SMALLPIECE, Esq., Miss PITTMAN, Miss BATT, Arthur M. COPE, Esq., the Mother Superior and three Sisters of St. Margaret's, East Grinstead, household servants of Haylands, St. Margaret's Lodge, Woodstock, St. Peter's Lodge, Brighton, Sunday School Teachers and Children, Members of Mothers' Meeting. The grave was literally covered with splendid wreaths sent from all parts.

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### THE LATE MISS RAINE

The respect and affection of the people of Swanmore for the memory of the late Miss **RAINE**, of Haylands Manor, was again manifested on Sunday evening last, when the Vicar (the Rev. W.F.J. HUNBURY) preached a funeral sermon to the crowded congregation. The rev. gentleman, said their departed friend did good unto all, but especially those were of the "household of faith."

At the conclusion of the service the organist, Miss FOWLES, played the "Dead March" in "Saul" with great power and effect, the people standing the while, after which the choir sang HANDEL'S "Hallelujah Chorus."

In our notice last week of a remarkable demonstration at the funeral of the deceased lady, we omitted to mention that Messrs. E. MARVIN and Sons carried out the arrangements in a very efficient and satisfactory manner.

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