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Abode: 61 Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW

Charles HAIR. Head. M. 50. Whitesmith. Ryde, IW.

Ellen HAIR. Wife. M. 47. Newchurch, IW.

Charles B.HAIR. Son. S. 27. Organist & Professor of Music. St Helens, IW.

Bessie HAIR. Dau. S. 21. St Helens, IW.

Douglas HAIR. Son. S. 18. French Polisher. St Helens, IW.

Ellen HAIR. Dau. S. 15. Dressmaker. St Helens, IW.

Lizzie HAIR. Dau. S.12. St Helens, IW.

Ethel K.HAIR. Dau. S. 9. St Helens, IW.

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HAIR Charles Bernard. 9 Green-street, Ryde, IW.

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FUNERAL OF MR. C.B.HAIR –

The funeral of Mr. Charles Bernard HAIR, of Ryde, who for over 40 years was organist and choirmaster at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, took place on Saturday. The Rev. A.C.DURHAM (vicar) celebrated a requiem Mass followed by absolution of the dead. There was a large attendance of local musicians, old choristers, and pupils at the burial office, which was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. C.HEALD (rector of Binstead), formerly assistant priest at St Michaels'. Mr. E.G.WELSH (organist of the Parish Church) played three Choral Preludes by PARRY. Mr E.J.TAYLOR, of Newport, accompanied the singing of "The God of Love" and "Jesus lives", and the choir gave beautiful renderings of the 90th Psalm (Domino refugium) and the Nunc Dimittis in plainsong. The mourners were Messrs. S. and D.HAIR (brothers), H.ATTRILL, C.J.CATER and T.A.CLEAVER (brothers-in-law), D.J.CATER and E.CLEAVER (nephews), H.HAIR (uncle), Major GARRETT (nephew), and Mr. C.J.M.WILLIAMS. Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. WEEKS), Mr. G.R.---ETT (Carisbrooke Church and Organists Association), Mr. B.H.WOODMANSEY and Miss B.LEE (Messrs. Teague and Co.'s staff), Capt. A.GRIST (Philharmonic Society), Mrs. E.WILSON-CHALON (Operatic and Seaview Choral Societies) Messrs. R.J.WELCH and C.A.KING (churchwardens of the Parish Church), Mr. E.W.H.THIRKELL (Church Union), Mr. G.RICHARDS (churchwarden), Mrs. E.CLEAVER, Mrs. And Miss THIRKELL, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Miss WHITE, Mr. and Mrs. R.C.YOUNG, Mr. and Mrs. E.H.LOCKE, Mr. and Mrs. H.JENNINGS, Mr. and Mrs. STOKES-GRAHAM, Mrs. L.ADAMS (Bembridge Choral Society), Messrs. R.F.S.TUFFLEY, C.YOUNG, G.F.CAWSE, H.BALLARD, O.J.FEBEN (Binstead Church organist), D.G.MOOTHAM, W.BURT, W.L.REED (Christ Church Sandown),

H.J.BOUND (Holy Trinity Bembridge), A.E.BULL, H.R.NICHOLLS, F.BURTON, A.J.OAKLEY, M.L.HARMAN, S.WHEELER, and Colin COOKE, Mesdames A.C.DURHAM, C.HEALD, Alan ROGERS, W.F.GAWN (representing Mr. W.F. GAWN, T.C.), WHITE, G.WILLIAMS, ORCHARD, and RUSSELL, the Misses WEEKS, SPRINGER, STENNING, BURTON, KING, BURT, NUTT (Ashey Church), E. and R.DAISH, R.A.BLAKE, BROWN, TOLMAN, PHILLIPS, HISCOCK, JACK, and the Misses FISHER.

There were about 50 beautiful floral tributes placed on the grave in Ryde Cemetery, including those from the Philharmonic Society; St. Michaels' Church; choir; and servers; the Organists Association; the staff of Messrs. Teague and Co.; and the Mayor and Mayoress. Mr C.LANGDON was the undertaker.

At the sung Eucharist on Sunday the Vicar said the passing of Mr. HAIR came as a shock to many. Only those behind the scenes knew what a gallant struggle he had made against semi-blindness, pain, and weakness in order to give his accustomed service to the glory of God and the edification of the church he loved so well. The Mass had become to him his very life, and he played at his last service on Easter-day; he played the Hallelujah Chorus at evensong, which was the last time that he was to fill and thrill the church with his glorious music. Thus had ended a life of great gifts and usefulness. He often thought what a splendid priest Mr. HAIR would have made. His love of our Lord and the Blessed Sacrament, his veneration for our Lady and the saints, and his evangelical addresses to the children would have made his ministry very spiritually profitable. He became one of the experts in Gregorian music and introduced many to the beauties of that kind of music. His organ accompaniments showed the devotion and restraint of a truly religious mind. The choirboys were his unremitting care, and his thoughts were with them on the day he died. They had lost a true friend, and a multitude of old boys would trace their love of music and reverence for the faith to the lessons he taught and the inspiration of his example. After evensong the Vicar played the Dead March in "Saul".

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH:-

To fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Mr. C.B.HAIR, organist and choirmaster for more than 40 years, Mr. E.J.TAYLOR of Newport has been appointed organist, and Mr. E.G.WELSH choirmaster.
