

LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTS FROM SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1901 DEATH OF MR CAMILLE VILLETARD

A very old and respected inhabitant of Ryde, Mr Camille **VILLETARD**, passed away on Saturday last, at his residence Crescent House, the Strand. The deceased gentleman was of French extraction, but came to England nearly 40 years ago, and for between 30 and 40 years had resided in Ryde. The tie which bound him to this country was a pleasing one, for early in life he fell in love with and married a Miss **BROWN**, daughter of a much respected gentleman resident in Ryde. Possessed of a genial and kindly disposition, Mr **VILLETARD** made for himself many friends, and he enjoyed meeting them at the various social re-unions. He had been a director of the Gas Company for twelve years, having been elected to fill the place of Mr Alfred **MORGAN**. Some years later, after Mr G **GARNETT**, the late manager of the Gas Works, had presented the Corporation with a handsome mace which is now used on state occasions, Mr **VILLETARD** said that he too would like to do something for the town with which he had had such long and pleasant associations. He, therefore, asked the Corporation to accept the gift of a loving cup. Of course the gift was gratefully accepted, and as long as Corporation banquets are held Mr **VILLETARD**'s name will be remembered. Unfortunately Mr **VILLETARD**'s health has been failing for some little time, but he presided at the dinner given to the Band of the Royal Marines at the close of the winter season, and expressed on behalf of the town his appreciation of their efforts. He has been seen several times since at Pavilion Concerts, but his health has been evidently failing for some time past.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning, at the Cemetery, Ryde. The coffin, which was of polished oak with brass mountings bore the following inscription on a brass plate: "Camille Leon Dacher **VILLETARD**, died October 12th, 1901, aged 62 years". The chief mourners were Mr A **VILLETARD** (son), Mr **LOXTON** (brother-in-law), Mr **WEBB** (son-in-law), Mr W E **RATCLIFFE**, Mr Edgar **RATCLIFFE**, Mr H G **NUTT**, Dr **THORPE**. Amongst those who also showed their respect by attending were Ald. **JAMES** J P (Deputy Mayor), Ald. E **MARVIN** J P, Ald. S **FOWLER** J P, Ald A J **COOMBES**, Councillors J I **BARTON**, W **LOCKE**, E **HOOPER**, A **MILLWARD**, and A **TEAGUE**. The Gas Company was represented by Ald. E **GROVES**, J P, Mr W **GIBBS**, Mr H **JACOBS**, Mr W **GIBBS**, Mr F **FARRAND** (Manager), Mr A E **COOMBES** (Secretary), Mr H **PERKINS** (Collector), Mr **BAKER** and a number of employees. Amongst those who also showed their respect by attending were Col. **BRAIN**, Mr H **WOODS**, Mr H **SWEETMAN**, J P, Mr F **NEWMAN**, J P, Major **ELLERY**, Mr J **LOWE**, Mr H **DURRANT**, Mr H **OSBORNE**, Mr J B **PURNELL**, Mr A E **MORGAN**, Mr **LONG**, Mr **KENNY**, Mr **EMANUEL**, etc. The Rev. A **KINGSTON** (Vicar of St John's) officiated.

There were a number of floral tokens. A very handsome wreath was inscribed "With Deepest Sympathy, from the Directors and Staff of the Ryde Gaslight Company." Another handsome wreath of red and white flowers, "In affectionate remembrance of six old friends Col. **BRAIN**, J **CHIVERTON**, E **HOOPER**, B C **GREEN**, W **BARNES**, J **LOWE**." Another handsome memento "With deepest sympathy from J I **BARTON**, G **MORGAN**, H P **CHIVERTON**, J B **PURNELL**, and H **HOOPER**." Other wreaths were from "His loving daughters Lucie, Marie, Fannie"; "From his loving sons St Cyr and Alfred"; "In loving memory from Esmeo and Reffio"; "With love and regret from Bel"; "With deepest sympathy from All?? and Clara"; "In loving memory from Jem and Kate"; "Eleanor and Winifred"; "Maud"; "Emma"; Mr E **LUXTON**, Messrs. W E and E R Ratcliffe, "With deepest regard from Cotton", etc., etc.

The Gas Works were closed from 10:30 am till ? pm on Wednesday out of respect for the deceased gentleman.

NOTICES

CAMILLE VILLETARD ESQUIRE DECEASED

Persons having CLAIMS, against the estate of Camille **VILLETARD** Esquire, late of Crescent House, Strand, Ryde, Isle of Wight, deceased, are requested to send particulars of the same to me, the undersigned, on or before the 2nd November, 1901.

EDGAR R **RATCLIFFE**

Solicitor to the Executors

14 Lind Street, Ryde, I.W.

DEATH OF MR C VILLETARD

We regret to record the death of Mr C **VILLETARD**, a genial citizen who was everyone's friend, which took place on Saturday. Deceased was always ready to help in any good object. He had long been a resident of Ryde and it was he who presented the borough with its loving cup. Deceased was a director of the Gas Company. The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Wednesday, the Rev. A **KINGSTON** OFFICIATING. The mourners were Mr Alfred **VILLETARD** (son), Mr **WEBB** (son-in-law), Messrs W E and E R **RATCLIFFE**, Mr H G **NUTT**, and Dr **THORPE**. There were also present Alderman James **JAMES**, J P, E **MARVIN**, J P, A J **COOMBES**, and S **FOWLER**, J P, and Councillors W. **LOCKE**, A **TEAGUE**, E **HOOPER**, J **HANSFORD**, and A **MILLWARD**; Ald. E **GROVES**, J P, Messrs W **GIBBS** and H **JACOBS** (directors), Mr F **FARRAND**, (manager), Mr A E **COOMBES** (secretary), and Mr H H **PERKINS** (collector), of the Gas Company, and a number of employees; Messrs. H **SWEETMAN**, J P, J **LOWE**, F **NEWMAN**, J P, C E, G **MORGAN**, E **EMANUEL**, H **DURRANT**, J B **PURNELL**, **KENNEY**, W H **LONG**, J W **JACKSON**, H J **OSBORNE**, A **WOODS**, and John I **BARTON**; Major **ELLERY** and Col **BRAIN**. The coffin bore the inscription: "Camille Leon Dacher **VILLETARD**, died October 12th 1901, aged 62 years." There were a number of beautiful floral tributes. Mr C Langdon carried out the funeral arrangements.