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DEATH OF MRS. W. E. RATCLIFFE.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. **Elizabeth Mayhew RATCLIFFE**, wife of Mr. W.E. RATCLIFFE of Copsefield, Ryde, which occurred on Saturday last. For a long time Mrs. Ratcliffe has been confined to the house through illness, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliffe celebrated their "diamond wedding" only a week or two ago, having seen sixty years of wedded life. The deceased lady who was 83 years of age, will be deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends, she identified herself with many charitable institutions, and until a few years ago took a leading part in social functions. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon at the cemetery. The first portion of the service was performed at All Saints Parish Church, the officiating clergy being the Rev. W.H.E. WELBY, the Rev. A.G. ROBINSON (Vicar of Ryde) and the Rev. C. RHODES HALL. As the coffin was borne into and from the church the organist. (Dr MANDER), played Chopin's Funeral March.

The coffin was of polished oak, the plate bearing the inscription:-

Elizabeth Mayhew RATCLIFFE,

Died January 20th, 1906,

Aged 83 years.

The wreaths, were very numerous, and were sent by: Her loving husband; Henry; Stanley and Rose; Harry and Florry; Bertie and Kate; Edgar, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Dr. C. MAYHEW, Mr. ARNOLD, Captain and Mrs. J. LOVELL and Miss Violet LOVELL, Capt. A. MITCHELL, H. G. MITCHELL and D. M. MITCHELL Captain G. RAMIER, Mr and Mrs W.V. RAMIER, the Misses G. M. and A. GREGORY. Miss Julia RATCLIFFE, Captain Hugh MITCHELL, Mr and Mrs N. GAPE and Roy, Mrs. R. MACQUEEN, Dr. and Mrs CROSSLEY WRIGHT, Mabelle, Jack and Helene, Geoffrey and Hugh, Mr E.R. KINNIER HANCOCK, Dr and Mrs KENNEDY, Mrs TATTNALL, Mrs and Miss Lewis LEEDS, Mr and Mrs SICHEL, Mr and Mrs Felix DAVIS, Mrs WEBBER, Mr P. HEWITT, Col. And Mrs HOWARD BROOKE, Miss LE MARCHANT, Miss BURNSIDE, Mrs POWELL, Mrs BEUEST, Miss BEUEST, Mr and Mrs MEARES, Mr and Mrs FOX, General and Mrs FETHERSTONHAUGH. Mrs and the Misses WADE, Mr and Mrs E BLAKE, Mr F. BLAKE, Mr and Mrs WELBY, Mr and Mrs PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE, Tom, Nurse MAGEE, Mrs George BRIGSTOCKE, Mr and Mrs BOGER, Mrs Randall ALEXANDER, the Misses ALEXANDER, Mr and Mrs PEARSON, Mrs DANIELL, Mr and Mrs G. FARDELL, Mr and Mrs CRADOCK, Mr and Mrs Edgar THORNTON, Mr and Mrs SHOTTER, Mr and Mrs WEEKS and Edith, Mr and Mrs Dudley WATKINS, Mr and Mrs BANKS, Mrs Archibald CARTER, Mr and Mrs AGATE, Messrs A. COOMBES, E. HOOPER, F. LOWE and H.P. CHIVERTON, Mrs Archibald CLARKE, Mr and Mrs C. LANGDON.

The mourners were : Mr W.E. RATCLIFFE, Mrs LE MOTTEE (daughter) Mr H.G. RATCLIFFE, Mr E.S. RATCLIFFE, Mr H.C. RATCLIFFE, Mr E.R. RATCLIFFE (sons) Mr Arthur

MITCHELL (grandson), Mrs E. Stanhope RATCLIFFE, Admiral John Harvey RAINIER, Mr F. CADWALLADER ADAMS, Dr Christopher MAYHEW, Mr E.R .Kinnier HANCOCK, Miss MAGAHEY, Mr F. SHOTTER and Mrs RYALL. Among those present at the service were: Mr W. PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE, General and Mrs FETHERSTONHAUGH, the Mayor of Ryde (Mr F.W.RANDALL), Mr G. FARDELL, the Rev. W.F. HANBURY, Mr G.R. BRIGSTOCKE, Dr KENNEDY, Ald FOWLER, Messrs. W.H.**TON, LOWE, H.DOWN, A. DASHWOOD, C. LOCKE, LONG, A . MARLOW, A. BLACKBURN, P. CHIVER- F. FARRAND, Capt. STANNEY, etc. Mrs Benett BRIGSTOCKE and Miss Le MARCHANT sent carriages.

Messrs.LANGDON, of Ryde, were the undertakers.

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