

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 28th February 1914

RAILWAYMAN'S FUNERAL.

An impressive funeral took place at the Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon when the remains of the late Mr Henry BREWER, of Preston Place, a former signalman-porter in the service of the Joint Railway Companies, at the Ryde Pier Head, were conveyed to their last resting place. The deceased who had gained popularity amongst his comrades was forced to retire from his position some months back owing to the state of his health. He was sent to a sanatorium at Bournemouth but gradually got worse and passed away on Saturday. The remains enclosed in a coffin of polished elm with brass mountings, and bearing the inscription

HENRY BREWER

Died February 21st, 1914,

Aged 42 years.

were followed to the grave by a number of the deceased's old comrades. The Rev. J. F. EDDIS (Vicar of Holy Trinity) conducted the service in the Chapel at the Cemetery. The chief mourners were:- The Widow, son Mr E. R. BREWER, Mr and Mrs COOPER (brother-in-law and sister), Miss YEATES, and Mrs STOCKS (sisters-in-law), Mr WICKS, Mrs SMITH, Mrs T. WREN, Mr T. STOCKS, Mr F. JONES.

Others who followed the cortege were- Mr S. H. FRENCH (Station Master, Ryde Pier Head), Mr STRIVENS (Chief Parcels Clerk), Mr F. BUCKETT (Clerk Ryde Pier Head), Messrs F. HARVEY, G. BLACKMAN (ticket collectors), Messrs BAIGENT and LAMBERT (signalmen), Mr J. BUTLER (crane driver), Messrs W. BUSEY, W. JONES, PLUMBLEY, TRUCKELLS, and WILLIAMS (porters), Mr CHEVERTON (Newport), Mr BEYNON, Mr GRITHIN, (Portsmouth), Messrs SMITH and RYMER (engineers Department) and Messrs LODDER and SAVILE (Ryde Pier Company). There were also present Alderman G. A. BLACKALL and Mr G. GAWN.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were those from some of the friends of the Engineers Department Ryde Pier Head; his comrades at the Ryde Pier Head and Esplanade Railway Stations.
