

**DEATH OF MISS BURT, J.P.,
OF RYDE.**

With deep regret we announce the death, which occurred on Wednesday, of Miss Ruby Mary Steuart BURT, J.P., at Fernleigh, High Park-road, Ryde. Miss BURT had suffered from indifferent health for some while, and recently underwent an operation in a London nursing home. She had improved sufficiently to be brought home, but her condition changed in the early part of the week, and her passing was somewhat sudden.

She was the second daughter of the late Captain Edmund Wigley BURT, R.N., who was at one time in command of H.M. Coastguards at Ventnor, and came to live in Ryde on his retirement. From her girlhood Miss BURT had been associated with the work of St. John's Church, Oakfield, and there were few activities promoted on its behalf in which she had not given zealous and devoted service. For 30 years she held the position of Sunday-school superintendent, and retained an interest in the welfare of the scholars long after they had grown up. She was also the cub mistress of the pack associated with the church. For many years she had served on the Parochial Church Council. Among the sick, poor and the aged in Oakfield and Elmfield she was beloved, not only for her gracious help and bountiful giving, but also for her practical advice and wise guidance. She had a most ennobling character, a broad and tolerant outlook, and her inspiring example, coupled with the beneficent influence which she exerted, will be most sadly missed. She was indeed a gentlewoman of the highest Christian virtues, with an infinite capacity for doing good in a very quiet and pleasant way. In April 1941, she was appointed a magistrate for the borough, and in this connection her judgement and spirit of forbearance were of inestimable value, especially in the matrimonial and juvenile courts, and often she was able, with her discriminating touch and humanitarianism, to afford some meed of comfort and consolation to those who had transgressed, and to hold out the real helping hand when needed. St. John's Church in particular, and the surrounding neighbourhood generally, have lost one so familiar in their midst for many years whom it will be almost impossible to replace, and the sincerest sympathy has been extended to her two sisters.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) the first part of the service being held at St. John's Church. The Rev. T. H. ROYDS officiated, and as the congregation assembled the organist (Mr. R. H. TOOGOOD) played "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Psalm xxiii was recited, and the hymn was "Abide with me." As the remains were carried from the church the organist played "O rest in the Lord." The mourners were Miss Pearl BURT (sister), Colonel J. C. M. BALDERS and Miss BALDERS. Among those present were Major A DENNIS (vicar's warden) and Mrs DENNIS, the Rev. H. Noel STUBBS (former vicar of Holy Trinity) and Mrs. STUBBS, Major and Mrs. J. C. BASSETT, Mr. G. FARDELL (representing Mr. J. G. FARDELL, clerk to the borough magistrates), Messrs. F. V. LUKE (National Provincial Bank), C. BRADING, (also representing Mr. T. BRADING), A. W. ROLLASON, A. BRONWIN, H. F. WADE, WILMER, W. WHEELER, and W. E. GRIFFIN, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. KIRK, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. NEWMAN, the Hon. Mrs. WILSON- HEATHCOTE, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. BILLINGHURST, Dr. Roberson DAY, Miss CAREY, Miss EWBANK, Miss ALEXANDER, Miss MEARES, Mrs. ROSLING, Miss WARDROPER, Mrs. Gordon STUART, Miss HOLT, Mrs. Arthur ANDERSON, Mrs. AITCHISON (representing Mr. J. AITCHISON, people's warden), Miss MADDOCK, Miss Selby LOWNDES, Miss GOLDRING, Mrs. Allen MADDY, Miss RHODES, the Misses BULLER, Miss ALEXANDER, the Misses ENGLAND, Miss NEWNHAM, Mrs. B. RANN, Miss HEASLOP (also representing Miss RYAN), Miss BROADBENT, Miss DERRY, Miss Ruth DERRY, Mrs. A. W. THOMPSON, the Misses FIRTH, Mrs. F. Wilson HARLOW, Mrs. Spencer CHURCHILL (also representing Dr. Spencer CHURCHILL), Mrs. S. W. CANT, Miss BRUCE (also representing Miss FITZPATRICK), Miss MILES (also representing Miss MASKELYNE), Miss PINDER (Gassiot Girls' School), Mrs. A. J. POWELL, Miss C. SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. JOLLIFFE, Miss HAWKINS, Mrs. W. SUTTON (also representing Mr. W. G. SUTTON and Mrs. G. SUTTON), Miss GALLAGHAN, Miss MATTHEWS, Miss SMITH, Mrs. H. REED, Mrs. W. JONES (also representing Mr. W. JONES), Mrs. SPRAGG (also representing Sister SPRAGG), Miss MOSS (superintendent of District Nurses' Home), the Misses STALLARD, Mrs. JONES, Mrs. TAYLOR, Miss SCARR, Miss D. SCARR, the Misses A. and E. DIETH, Mrs. HINES, Mrs. TAYLOR, Mrs. SCAMMELL, Mrs. P. BROWNE, Miss A. TAYLOR, Mrs. Basil HARDY, Mrs. Albert BRADING, Mrs. F. POTTS, Mrs. FITZPATRICK, and Mrs. BUTT.

The interment was at St. John's Cemetery, and there was a large collection of flowers.

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