

FUNERAL OF MR. A. T. COOKE. - the remains of the late **Mr. A. T. COOKE**, engineer to the Joint Railway Companies at Ryde, took place yesterday afternoon at the cemetery, the Rev. R. NUTT officiating. Mr. COOKE came here during the construction of the new railway pier, having seen a good deal of life in various parts of the world. During his residence he has made many friends. He took a very active part in the affairs of the Ryde Exhibition and Horticultural Association. On Wednesday week last he attended a meeting in connection with that association, and on his way home had a paralytic seizure from which he never rallied, and he passed away on Monday last. The funeral was attended by deceased's brother and nephew as chief mourners, and amongst those present were the Mayor (Ald. J. ELLERY), Alderman R. COLNUTT, J.P., C.A., Councillor S. FOWLER, and Messrs. J. ELEY, H. J. OSBORNE, G. H. STAINER, BUTT, MUNDELL, CARLEY, F. FARRAND, STEWARD, SMITH, E. WARD, and a number of the joint Railway Companies' employes, some of whom acted as bearers. The committee of the Ryde Exhibitions and Horticultural Association sent a handsome wreath composed of arum lilies, Marechal Niel roses, azaleas, and narcissi. Another lovely wreath bore the inscription "As a token of respect to our late engineer from the Joint Railway employes." Mrs. C. BULSTRODE and family and other friends and relatives likewise sent flowers.

Mr. J. A. PURNELL was the undertaker.
