

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 22nd September 1894

OBITUARY. - We regret to record the death, on Thursday, the 13th inst., of **Mr Henry GRAY**, OF Oakleigh, St. John's Park, one of the oldest residents of St. John's. Owing to his great age (87), the deceased gentleman had been obliged to live a quiet and retired life for many years, and had suffered from a long illness. But he formerly took a great deal of interest in local affairs.

The funeral took place in Ryde Cemetery, on Monday morning. The body, enclosed in three coffins, was placed on an open car with plumes, and drawn by four horses, followed by three carriages and pairs, containing relatives and the servants of the house. The deceased was buried in a brick grave with his late wife, whose death occurred just over two years ago. Wreaths and crosses were sent by friends, including a lovely cross of roses by Lady BROWNE, and the grave was lined with moss, ferns and white dahlias.

The service was held in the Cemetery Chapel, at 12 o'clock noon, where Dr. RICH, for many years the medical attendant of deceased, also met the body and followed. In the absence of the Vicar of St. John's, the service was impressively taken by the Rev. Miles ATKINSON. The outer coffin was a very handsome one of polished oak, with mediaeval brass furniture.

The whole of the funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. J. A. PURNELL, 7 and 8 High Street.

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