

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday January 17th. 1918

DEATH OF COLONEL HOWARD-BROOKE.

It is with very sincere regret that we have to announce the death of Colonel **Richard Edward Frederick HOWARD BROOKE**, J.P., of Faircroft, Ryde, and Castle Howard, Oroca, Co. Wicklow, and Roskelton, Queen's County, who passed away at his Ryde residence on Sunday, after a lengthy illness, at the age of 71, having been born on November 1st, 1847.

The deceased gentleman entered the Army while yet in his teens, and held a distinguished record of service. Possessed of qualities that make for popularity, warm-hearted and open-handed, he was popular alike with his brother officers, and the men serving under him. In 1878, he married Miss Alice Eliza RIDLEY, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel RIDLY, of St. Helens, and has for many years been a leading figure in Island society. He interested himself in all matters connected with the Island, and was ever ready to give time and service to any effort being made to advance Island interests. A thorough sportsman, he for some years held the position of master of the Isle of Wight Foxhounds. All his public duties were discharged with the thoroughness and whole-heartedness that were characteristics of the deceased gentleman, and he devoted himself unsparingly to whatever he took in hand. As a magistrate he took his duties seriously and discharged them faithfully. Genial and kindly he always had a bright smile and cheery word for everybody, no appeal for help was ever made to him in vain and the extent of his benefactions will never be fully known. He was one of the most popular members of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Ryde, and his lamented death has left a void both in the public and the social life of the Island that it will not be easy to fill. As a working man remarked to the writer on Monday, "Colonel HOWARD BROOKE was one of the best, and he will be missed and wanted too." The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will go out to the bereaved and sorrowing family. The funeral takes place tomorrow (Thursday) at 12 o'clock mid-day at All Saints' Church.

FELLOW JUSTICES' TRIBUTE.

A warm tribute to the deceased gentleman was paid by Mr. W.A. GLYNN, the senior Magistrate, at the sitting of the County Justices at Ryde on Tuesday. Mr. GLYNN said before they proceeded to the business of the Court it was his painful duty to allude to the great loss that they had sustained in the death of one of their colleagues. He had been a magistrate for some years and had always conscientiously discharged his duty to his country. He alluded to the late Col. HOWARD BROOKE. At an early age, a very early age in those days he entered her Majesty's army and there served with distinction, and throughout life had devoted himself assiduously to his public duties. All who knew him knew how very earnest he was in the discharge of all his duties. He was one of the best of friends, and was one of the most popular men he (Mr. GLYNN) ever had been acquainted with. It was with the greatest regret that he had to announce the loss they had sustained by the death of their departed colleague.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 19th January 1918

DEATH OF COL. HOWARD-BROOKE, J.P.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Col. HOWARD-BROOKE, J.P., Q.C., which occurred on Sunday evening at his residence, Faircroft, Binstead Road, Ryde. A better known, or more popular sportsman, in the true sense of the word, has, we venture to say, never been identified with the Island. His geniality, kindness of heart, and thought for others were prominent characteristics of many sterling qualities. Born at Castle Howard, Co. Wicklow, Ireland, on the 1st

Nov., 1847, at the age of eighteen he joined the Army, and as a Lieutenant in the 37th regiment, served for ten years in India. There he became known as an exceptionally keen big-game hunter, and on one occasion, with General Sir John DAVIS, bagged no fewer than seventeen tigers in seven days. The deceased gentleman married, in 1878, Miss Alice Eliza RIDLEY, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel RIDLEY, The Castle, St. Helens, and at the same time took up his residence at Ryde, and for some years lived at Little Apley. His connection with the Isle of Wight Foxhounds, of which he was the popular and genial master for twenty-five years, brought him in close touch with the agriculturalists of the Island, by whom, in common with all who knew him, he was held in the highest respect and esteem. He was a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the Royal I.W. Golf Club (of which he was captain in 1882), the I.W. Gun Club and the United Services. As a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hampshire, he was very regularly when in the Island in attending the sittings of the Bench of Magistrates, both at Newport and Ryde. For two years, 1900-2, he was a member of the Ryde Town Council, and during recent years he has been one of the representatives of the borough on the I.W. County Council. The late Col. was politically a staunch Conservative and was a Vice-President of the Conservative and Unionist Club, Lind Street. Although laid aside with a painful malady, the deceased bore his sufferings with remarkable fortitude, and the keen sense of humour, which he always manifested, was present with him almost to the last, death taking place at 8.25 on Sunday evening. Deceased had no family, but leaves a widow, for whom sincere sympathy has been expressed in her sore bereavement.

At the weekly sitting of the I.W. County Justices at Ryde, on Tuesday, Mr. W. A. GLYNN, the Chairman, said before proceeding with the business of the Court it was his very painful duty to allude to the great loss they had sustained in the death of one of their colleagues. He had been a Magistrate for some years and had always conscientiously discharged his duties in the County. He alluded to the loss by death of Col. HOWARD-BROOKE. At an early age, a very early age in those days, he entered His Majesty's Army and there served with distinction and throughout his life he had devoted himself to public work. All who knew him, and he (Mr. GLYNN) had had the privilege of knowing him since he had been in the Island knew how ready he was to discharge his public duties and not only that, but he was one of the best of friends. He was one of the most popular men he had ever been acquainted with and it was with very great regret that he had to announce the loss they had sustained in their departed colleague.

THE FUNERAL

.....took place on Thursday, and was marked with a manifestation of esteem and respect that was the just due of one who had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. The first part of the service was held at the Parish Church in the presence of a large and representative congregation. The mourners were the widow, Mr. Ford RIDLEY (nephew), Mrs. Arthur SHARPE (niece), Mrs. WISE, Major C. ANDERSON PELHAM, M.H.F. (representing the members of the HOWARD-BROOKE family on active service), General FETHERSTONHAUGH, C.B., Mr. Percy THELLUSSON J.P., Mr. John FARDELL, Mr. A.J. NEWBERY and the nurses and maids at Faircroft. Among the closely intimate friends of the deceased's widow were Mrs. FETHERSTONHAUGH, Mrs. THELLUSSON, Mrs. Archibald CLARKE, Mrs. MAYBRICK. The County Magistrates were represented by Mr. W. A. GLYNN, J.P., and Mr. E. CARTER, the I.W. County Council by Ald. J. THOMAS, J.P., (vice chairman), Ald. F. BAKER, Ald. H.H. POLLARD, J.P., County Councillors G.E. MEARS, J.P., A. ANDREWS, J.P., Mr. J. DUFTON (Clerk), and Mr. S.R. COCKS (County Surveyor). The 3rd Batt. of the Hampshire Regt., by Major H.H. HUMPHREY, Major C.R. ETCHES, Capt. and Adjutant A. L. W. VICKERS-MILES, Capt. R.R. GREENE, Capt. F.A. SILK, C.S.M. MCALISTER, C.S.L.M. GOLDSMITH, Sergt. HUTT, Sergt. BIGG, Sergt. GILES and Sergt. GILBERT. Major CODDINGTON of the Hampshire Regiment, Winchester, attended on behalf of the Depot, Hampshire Regiment Winchester. Among others present were the Mayor of Ryde (Ald. J.I. BARTON), Sir Edward REDFORD, Lt. Col. RHODES, Mr. Frank T. MEW, J.P., Capt. Collingwood BERTRAM, Dr. W. J. JOLLIFFE, Mr. J. JOLLIFFE, Capt. ALEXANDER, J.P., Mr. C. WEBB, Major CODRINGTON, Capt. and Mrs. WELLDON,

Major J. ELLERY, Capt. GRIMES, Mrs. SHEARME, Dr. and Mrs. MACKENZIE, Mr. J.B. PURNELL, Dr. DAVIES, Dr. WADHAM, Mr. F.W. RANDALL, J.P., Dr. KENNEDY, Mr. J.A. VEITCH, J.P., Mr. E.C. LANGTON, Mr. B.B. BECKINGSALE, Col. Worthington WILMER, Mr. H.G. SUPPLE (Governor of Camp Hill Prison, Parkhurst), Miss GORDON, Miss SALE, Mr. R. and Miss PIGOU, Mrs. EAST, Capt. A. FANE, Mr. G. QUAYLE, Mr. A. and Miss TATNALL, Mr. F. CRESSALL (London and County Westminster Bank, Newport), Mrs. ROBINS, Nurse MAC SWEENEY, Nurse WHITTEY, Mrs. SHAW-YATES, Miss BLAKE, Miss LORING, Mrs. LEWIS, Mrs. PERROTT, Mrs. JOURDAIN, Mrs. BRETT, Miss NUTT, Mrs. Lincoln PHENE, Mr. and Mrs. R. RUSSELL, Mrs. SWINBURNE, Mr. S. ATTWOOD (Ryde Bowling Club), Mr. J. E. BREBNER, Mr. A. WOODS (Ryde), Mr. H.F. WADE, Mr. G. SLINN, Mr. W. J. YOUNG, Mr. A. YOUNG, Mr. B. OSBORN (Newport), Mr. E.R. RATCLIFFE, Mr. H.B. GULLIVER, Mr. Miles BAKER, Mr. H.A. PAXTON, Mr. R. COLENUTT, Mr. A. LOWE, Mr. J.W. JACKSON, Mr. A. LOCKE, Mr. A. LOWE, Mr. J. ELDRIDGE (Ryde), Mr. de LUSIGNAN, Mr. H. GRINHAM, Mr. T. FORD, Mr. S. LIGHTFOOT &c. Col. E.W. CRADOCK, J.P., had been requested by the Royal Governor to represent her, but was unavoidably unable to do so through an accident and the Member for the Island was prevented by important Government work from attending. The service was fully choral and the Organist, Mr. E.G. WELSH, played Chopin's Funeral March as the congregation assembled. The cortege was met at the north door by the Vicar in charge (the Rev. R.T. JOURDAIN M.A.), Canon SHEARME, a former vicar and the Rev. Cyril L. BLAKE, vicar of St. John's. The lesson was read by Canon SHEARME and the remainder of the service was taken by the Rev. R.T. JOURDAIN. The hymns were "Nearer my God to Thee" "I heard the voice of Jesus say," and the Nunc Dimittis was sung at the close. As the funeral procession left the Church the organist played Handel's Largo, a favourite composition of the late Colonel's. The funeral rites at the cemetery carried out in a downfall of rain, were performed by the Rev. Cyril L. BLAKE.

The following were among the beautiful floral tributes sent:-

To my beloved husband from his ever loving and devoted wife; Mr. and Mrs. Forde RIDLEY, with loving remembrance; In ever loving memory, from his sister-in-law, Nonie; In fondest memory, from his loving niece, Elena; With deepest sympathy from all at Castle Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney DOWN, in loving remembrance; From the indoor and outdoor staff at Faircroft, in fond memory of their beloved and respected master; Mrs. WISE, in loving remembrance of a beloved friend; In loving memory, from his nurses, G. WILKINSON and H.TAYLOR; Major. C. ANDERSON PELHAM and the Hon. Mrs. ANDERSON PELHAM, in kind remembrance; Capt. and Mrs. Collingwood BERTRAM, with affectionate remembrance; In respectful remembrance from the I. W. Hunt servants now serving with the Forces; the Royal I. W. Golf Club, in remembrance from the Officers and Members; Col. and Mrs. CRADOCK, in remembrance; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey WYKEHAM, with very deep regret and sympathy; From Kathleen and Bay, with loving thoughts; Mrs. Gordon ROBBINS, in remembrance; Lieut-Col. and Mrs. Edward RHODES, with deep sympathy; Mrs. Edgar THORNTON, with very deepest sympathy; Major Charles and Mrs. SWEETMAN, with deepest sympathy; Mr. Thomas F. PERETT, in affectionate sympathy; Mr. QUAYLE, Miss Cicely QUAYLE, with much sympathy and regret; Mr. and Mrs. Edward CARTER, with deep sympathy; Miss Dudley WATKINS, in remembrance of my dear old friend, with much sympathy; Percy and Georgie THELLUSSON, in very affectionate memory; Toby and Doris THELLUSSON, in kindest remembrance; Mr. Arthur PIGOU, to my dear friend, in loving memory; Mrs. M. MAYBRICK, with deep regret; Mrs. Herbert PARKINSON and family, kind sympathy; Mrs. YOUNG, affectionate remembrances in many kindnesses, from all at East Standen; Mr. L.N. HATHWAY, with much sympathy; Lieut. Hugh and Lady DALY; Mrs. George BUTT, with deep sympathy; E. and A. HAYLES, deepest respect and kind remembrances; Mr. and Mrs. SHAW-YATES, with deep sympathy; Mr. and Mrs. Jesser WADHAM, with kind remembrance; Mr. Beauclere B. BECKINGSALE, with sincere sympathy; Sir Edward and Lady PIGOTT REDFORD, in affectionate remembrance of an old friend; Major-General C.E. LAURIE, as a small token of a long and tried friendship; Walter, Mary and Jim, Yafford House, Shorwell; Mr. and Mrs. HARRISON, in affectionate remembrance; Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. MEW; Rita and Francis, with

love; Mrs. Latimer T. Le MARCHANT, in loving remembrance; Mrs. MUMFORD and Mr. S. J. MUMFORD, in kind remembrance and deepest sympathy; Mr. E. JOLLIFFE, with sincere remembrance and deepest sympathy; Alfred YOUNG, with deepest sympathy; General and Mrs. FETHERSTONHAUGH, in affectionate remembrance of our dear old friend; A.J. NEWBERY, in grateful memory of years that are past; Mrs. CARTHEW, with many kind thoughts of an old friend; Mrs. ARCHIBALD, Miss Vanda CLARKE; The Ryde Bowling Club, a token of remembrance; Mr. and Mrs. S.J. BISHOP, with deepest sympathy and kindly memories of many past years; and Mrs. Hugh GRIMES, Miss Helen GRIMES, in remembrance; The Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde, with deepest sympathy; Lieut.Col. R. DANIELL and the Officers of the 3rd Batt. Hants Regt.; The Warrant Officers, Staff Sergts. and Sergts. of the 3rd Battalion, Hants Regt. with deepest sympathy; The Corporals and Men of the 3rd. Batt. Hants Regt., with deepest sympathy; R.V.Y.C. burgee from the Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, as a token of esteem and affection; Capt. and Mrs. Douglas HALL, in affectionate remembrance and with deepest sympathy.

The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL.

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