

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1881

**FUNERAL OF LADY LEES.**- Early on Saturday morning the remains of Lady LEES were consigned to their last resting place in the Cemetery. The funeral procession, which started from the house at a much earlier hour than is customary, was very unostentatious, there being but three or four carriages. These, however, carried real mourners, and indeed the tokens of unfeigned grief for the loss of the deceased lady were unusually abundant. Every one seemed to feel that they had lost a friend, and there were very few shops of which the shutters were not closed. The procession reached the Cemetery gates about half-past 10, and then the beautiful coffin, which was of polished oak, and bore a simple inscription, was placed on a bier and carried to the little chapel, followed by the chief mourners, Sir John LEES, Major LEES, - PIGOU, Esq., and other near relatives, a number of the servants, who were evidently deeply attached to her ladyship, also following. many of the gentry of the neighbourhood were also waiting at the Cemetery gate, and joined in the procession, as did likewise several of our leading tradesmen. The first part of the service was performed in the little chapel, which was filled, the Rev. A. J. WADE, vicar of Holy Trinity, officiating. The coffin was then conveyed to the family vault, where the remaining portion of the affecting service was gone through. There were a great many round the vault, and there would have been more had the hour at which the funeral took place been known, and many appeared deeply affected as the coffin was lowered into its last resting place. It was soon covered with a profusion of wreaths of splendid white flowers, placed upon it by loving hands, some twenty or thirty beautiful wreaths and crosses being provided. At the conclusion of the service Sir John and his son entered the vault and took a last look at that which contained all that remained of one who was not only dear to them but was universally esteemed.

The funeral arrangements, we may add, were most efficiently carried out by Messrs. MARVIN and Sons.

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