

DEATH OF DR. R. C. H. KENNEDY

To the great regret of a large circle of friends, **Dr. Robert Charles Halpin KENNEDY**, B.A., M.B., passed peacefully away at his residence in John Street, during Saturday night, after an illness of about two months duration, a severe form of heart trouble being the primary cause of death. He seemed to revive a few weeks ago and was taken out for a drive as recently as Thursday at his own request, but the end came quickly. Dr. KENNEDY was a well-known and highly skilled surgeon and medical practitioner, and had one of the largest lists of panel patients in the Island. He was born in Co. Wicklow, Ireland, 54 years ago, and was educated for the medical profession, being a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He came to Ryde 28 years ago. He served some time as ship's surgeon on a P and O liner and was for two years House Surgeon at the I.W. County Hospital afterwards taking up private practise at "Claremont," West-street, his services being in constant demand. From there he removed to his late address. He was married in 1903 to Miss Norah Florence CLARKE, daughter of the late Colonel CLARKE and Mrs CLARKE, of "Thornbrough," Binstead-road. He leaves a widow, a daughter (Miss Noreen KENNEDY) and two sons, Terence and Mr Frank KENNEDY, the latter completing his studies at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and who hopes in June to take up his late father's practise, which is at present being carried on by Dr. J. E. KERR. The deceased gentleman had two sisters in Ireland. He had been medical officer for the Foresters' Lodge (prior to the panel system intervening in 1912), to the R.A.O.B (Clarence Lodge), and Salvation Army. He was a persona grata amongst all classes, and in many quarters, especially amongst the poor of Oakfield, his services will be much missed. He was at one time a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. He manifested considerable interest in local activities and was a staunch conservative. Much sympathy is expressed with the widow and family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment at Binstead Cemetery (beside the grave of the late Colonel CLARKE) being preceded by a service at Ryde Parish Church.

The funeral was quietly carried out. A good number assembled at All Saints where the first portion of the burial service was impressively carried out by the Vicar. The family mourners included the widow, sons and daughter and amongst the congregation were the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor Rowland RUSSELL), Alderman J. B. PURNELL, Alderman C. J. de LAUNAY, Mr and Mrs J. G. DUFFETT, Mr PECK, (St. John's Road); Mr J. A. NEWBERRY, Mrs WINTER and many others. Several members of Scoutmaster T. KENNEDY'S Ryde Troop of Scouts followed the remains also the Binstead troop and cubs, Brethren of the Clarence and Lion Lodges, R.A.O.B met at Cemetery Road, Binstead, and took part in the cortege to the Cemetery where the Rev. G. A. JOHNSTONE again officiated. There was a large number of floral tokens from personal and medical friends as well as patients one being inscribed "For courteous attendance for many years." The Buffaloes deposited ivy wreaths on the grave.

Messrs. PERKIS carried out the arrangements.