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Death Notice:-

SKINNER: On July 20th, 1899, Moray House, West-Street, Ryde, **J. Holt SKINNER**, Esq., aged 96 years.

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DEATH OF MR. HOLT SKINNER

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. **Holt SKINNER**, which occurred at his residence, Moray House, Ryde, on Thursday night. The deceased gentleman had attained the advanced age of 96, and has resided in Ryde some years. He was a liberal supporter of the Ryde Young Men's Christian Association, and has yearly given the Bibles which were the prizes of the members of the Bible class. He was also a great supporter of Evangelical Societies, and he will be greatly missed, for he was extremely charitable.

His remains will be cremated on Monday. The remains were taken to Woking for cremation on Monday, and returned the evening of the same day in a casket, and the ceremony of depositing the same at Ryde Cemetery took place on Tuesday morning at 12 30, the grave being a small one. The Rev. COUSENS conducted the service. The chief mourner was Mrs. Holt SKINNER, and in addition there were representatives from the Y.M.C.A., including Mr. W. JACOBS, Mr. MORPHEY, Mr. DASHWOOD, Mr. PREWER, Mr. DOWN, Dr. SHIRTLIFF, and the Rev. F.W. WALTER.

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CREMATION AND FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. HOLT SKINNER

In our last issue we gave a short obituary notice of the above gentleman. At 9 o'clock on Monday morning last, a service of which the Rev. R.R. COUSENS, B.A., incumbent of St James' Church, officiated, took place in the library at the deceased's residence, Moray House, West-Street. Amongst those present were Mrs. Holt SKINNER, Mrs. ROSE, Mr. J.B. SIMMONDS, J.P., Mrs. SIMMONDS, Mr. J. DOWN, Mrs. JOHNSTON, Mr. W. JACOBS, Dr. BANKS, the nurse and indoor and outdoor servants.

At 9 30 the body was removed in an open hearse to the Pier, followed by several carriages and pairs, and taken direct to the crematorium at St. John's. after cremation, which took place at 3 o'clock, the ashes were placed in a terra-cotta urn and brought back to Ryde, and on Tuesday mid-day were interred at Ryde Cemetery. The Rev, R.R. COUSENS again officiated, and those who followed were the same as attended the service on Monday, together with a deputation from the Y.M.C.A., and many other friends also attended to show their great respect to one who had reached such a ripe age.

The body was taken to Woking in a specially prepared pine shell, covered with cloth, with a handsome brass plate bearing the inscription "**John Holt SKINNER**, Died July 20th, 1899; aged 96 years," An engraved brass plate was placed on the urn at the time of the interment.

The whole of the cremation and interment arrangements were entrusted to and most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. PURNELL of 7 and 8 High-Street, Ryde, and under their

personal superintendence. Considerable interest was taken in the proceedings, this being the first interment of a cremation urn in Ryde Cemetery.

Beautiful wreaths were sent by relatives, the servants and friends.

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MR. HOLT SKINNER'S CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

The estate has been valued at £92,481 6s 5d. Gross, including personalty of the net value of £92,355 14s 7d., of Mr. **John Holt SKINNER**, of Moray House, Ryde, who died on the 20th of July last, and the executors of whose will of 14th July 1892, with three codicils, the last bearing date 12th December 1898, are William Eden WALKER and Henry Curtis NISBET, to each of whom as executors he bequeathed £105. He bequeathed to his wife, Mrs. Georgiana Helen SKINNER, the use and enjoyment of Moray House and Odell Cottage, with their contents, his horses and carriages and a life annuity of £200, in addition to her income under marriage settlement; to his nephew, the Rev. Richard WALKER, £400; to Mary BENTLEY, £1,000; to his nephew, James WALKER £200; to Francis and Rupert WALKER, each £100; to the Rev. Frank TINDALL, £160; to the said William Eden WALKER, £2,035; to Thomas WALKER, £500; to his nephew James WALKER of Canada, £200; to his great nephews, Ernest and Herbert and William and Arthur BENTLEY, each £500; to his niece Mary Jane TINDALL, £150; to his great nephew, Dr. Eden WALKER, £100; to his niece Caroline, and to Mary WALKER, each £100; to his great nephew, Rev. James SKINNER, £1,000; to his coachman, John PHILLIPS, £250; and to the Rev. William Henry REDKNAP, £100. The late Mr. SKINNER bequeathed to the Evangelical Society, £500; to the Edinburgh Mission Society for Home and Foreign Work, £500; to the Soldiers' Institute at Woolwich, the British Syrian Schools, the County Towns Mission, the Soldiers' Institute at Gibraltar, the London City Missionaries' Home at Ventnor, the Endell-Street Medical Mission, the Endell-Street Convalescent Home at Folkestone, the Monthly Tract Society, the Soldiers' Institute at Portsmouth, the Sailors' Rest and Institution at Devonport, for the benefits of that institution or other Christian work in the Royal Navy, and to the Ryde Branch of the Young Men's Bible Association, each £250; to the Church Pastoral Aid Society, £2,000; to the Moravian Missionary Society, £500; to the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association, the Society for promoting the Due Observance of the Lord's Day, and the Ryde Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, each £100; and to Miss PERKS for the benefit of her Soldiers' Home at Winchester, £200; the testator's residuary estate is left, as to £4,000, in trust to pay the income Mary POPE during her life, and at her death such sum is to be in trust in equal shares for the Congo Balolo Mission and the China Inland Mission; as to £4,000, in trust for Mary SKINNER during her life, and at her death in trust for her sister, Augustus SKINNER, and, subject to her life interest, in trust for the north African Mission and the Church of England Zenana Society; as to £2,000, in trust for Emma SKINNER during her life, and, subject to her life interest, in trust for the London City Mission; as to £1,000 in trust for the said Mary BENTLEY and her children; and as to the ultimate residue of his estate, in trust in equal shares for Mrs. SKINNER and the said William Eden WALKER.
