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## AMBULANCE BRIGADE PIONEER DIES

One of the founders of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at St. John's House nearly half a century ago, Mr. **George William Arthur SLOACOMBE**, died at his home, Blois, West Hillroad, on Tuesday. He was 72. Mr. Sloacombe came from Willesden to Ryde in 1901, and until his retirement five years ago had been a maintenance inspector in the employ of the Ryde Gaslight Co. His interest in the ambulance brigade never flagged, and for several years he was divisional superintendent. During the last war he gave freely of his time and experience to train A.R.P personnel. He was a member of the Microscopical Society. His wife died two years ago and he is survived by a son and a daughter, Miss F. L. SLOACOMBE, who has been a temporary head teacher at Gassiot Girls' School.

The funeral service takes place at All Saints' Church today at 11 a.m.

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