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**William KINGSLAND. Head. M. 35. Electrical Engineer. Devizes, Wilts.**

Phoebe E. KINGSLAND. Wife. M. 40. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Ellenor ALLEN. Serv. S. 32. General Servant. Hampton, Middx.

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*In 1911 William was living with his wife at 11 Woodgrange-avenue, Ealing. His occupation was described as Author.*

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### **MR. W. KINGSLAND**

A distinguished writer on the mystical subjects passed away at Ryde on Thursday, February 6, in the person of Mr. **William KINGSLAND**, of Claremont, the Strand, Ryde. He was born on May 5, 1855, at Devizes, Wilts, and was educated at the High School, Bradford Yorks. He married Miss Phoebe Edmondstone CHAMBERS, daughter of Mr. Robert CHAMBERS, who was one the well-known publishing firm of W. and R. CHAMBERS, Edinborough, and a noted author. In early life Mr. KINGSLAND was an electrical engineer, and was connected with many electrical undertakings and inventions of the 70's and 80's of the last century. He had the distinction of installing the first telephone in Edinborough. Mr. KINGSLAND was a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. It was, however, in theosophy and mysticism that he found his life's work. He wrote widely on these subjects, and was an acknowledged authority. His works included "Scientific Idealism," "The Mystic Quest," "Our Infinite Life," "The Esoteric Basis of Christianity," "Rational Mysticism," "An Anthology of Mysticism," "The Physics of the Secret Doctrine," "The Art of Life," "The Real H. P. Blavatsky," and "Christos, the Religion of the Future." Only a few years ago he visited Egypt to write a book on the Pyramids, which he illustrated with sketches and plans by himself. He also contributed to Chambers' Journal, the London Forum, the Aryan Path and other well known periodicals. Although nearly sixty in 1914, he volunteered for war service, and held a commission.

He had resided in Ryde for 11 years, and was well-known and highly respected. He retained great physical energy to the last, and when over eighty took part in strenuous games of tennis. He leaves a brother, a Congregational minister, and a sister, Mrs. Mary HIGGS. M. A., who is a well known writer on Poor Law reform, and a strenuous worker for the betterment of the poorest classes of the community. His wife predeceased him ten years ago.

The remains were taken to Woking for cremation on Wednesday. The service was conducted by his brother (the Rev. John KINGSLAND). The mourners were Miss HIGGS (niece, representing her mother, Mrs. Mary HIGGS), the Hon. Mary Iona DAVEY, and Mrs. MEGSON (representing Mr. C. J. S. MEGSON). There were numerous choice floral tributes. The ashes were afterwards scattered in the garden cemetery and a tree will be planted on the spot in Mr. KINGSLAND'S memory.

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