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RAILWAY ENGINE DRIVER'S DEATH. - The death occurred last week at his home, 18 Cross-street, Eastfield, of **Mr. Oliver William VALLENDER**. Deceased, who was operated on for a malignant disease about six months ago, had been in failing health for over a year. He was 56 years of age. As a lad of 14 he started as a cleaner in the old I.W. Railway engine-shed at St. John's-road, gradually working his way up to be an engine driver. His health necessitated his retirement in December. He was senior trustee of the Hope of Ryde Branch of the Sons of Temperance and a member of the local Labour party.

The funeral took place at the Wesleyan Church on Saturday, when the Rev. W. SEED officiated. The mourners were the widow, Messrs. Reginald and Ronald VALLENDER (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Percy VALLENDER (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. F. VALLENDER (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. George VALLENDER (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. VALLENDER (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. WETHERICK (sister), Mr. and Mrs. S. CASS (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. WEEKS (sister-in-law), Mr. C. FOUNTAINE (nephew), and Mr. G. HUTTON, Mr. G. H. FRENCH (station-master at Ryde) and Mr. R. SWEETMAN (local works foreman) represented the Southern Railway, and Messrs. T. H. TUTTON (secretary), G. WHITTINGTON, and C. WARNE the Sons of Temperance. Several of deceased's fellow employees were present.

The grave in Ryde Cemetery was covered with choice flowers, including wreaths from the Labour party, station staff (traffic department), drivers and firemen of the shed staff, and the Sons of Temperance.

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