

DEATH OF MR EDWARD K. MINTER. - On Tuesday evening last there passed away one of Ryde's oldest tradesmen, Mr Edward K. MINTER, who for so many years carried on the business of a butcher in High Street. Our deceased townsman had not been laid aside long, so that his death has taken by surprise many who saw him very recently actively engaged in his business. Although so active and alert Mr MINTER had long passed the allotted span, being in his 84th year. Mr MINTER had been so many years associated with the business in High Street that many people will be surprised to learn he was not always a butcher, but when he first came to Ryde was a bathing machine proprietor, and conducted hot and cold baths which once existed here and were very popular. When, however, repeated inroads were made upon the foreshore in the shape of Esplanade extensions, the space for bathing machines became more and more curtailed, and it was then that Mr MINTER acquired the old-established business previously carried on by Mr J. DASHWOOD and Mr WOODWARD. He rebuilt the premises entirely a few years ago. Mr MINTER was a very influential and respected member of the Wesleyan Church, in which he had held office for many years. He had not taken much part in town affairs, and was never connected with the Town Council, but he was a useful member of the Board of Guardians, and had served the office of Overseer. He was a director of the Vectis Permanent Building Society, and at the 21st annual meeting of that Society (as will be seen elsewhere) a vote of condolence was passed to the bereaved family, with whom much sympathy is felt. - The funeral of the late Mr MINTER took place this (Friday) afternoon at the Ryde Cemetery, the Rev. G. BOGGIS being the officiating minister. The mourners were Messrs. John MINTER (son), C. MINTER (grandson), E. T. MINTER (nephew), Thanet MINTER (brother), BLACKBURNE, W. GUILBERT, J. N. TARRANT (sons-in-law), and H. P. TARRANT (grandson). Among those who followed were Ald. E. MARVIN, J.P., Ald E. GROVES, J.P., Ald A. J. COOMBES, Messrs F. G. FLUX, J.P., C.C., H. R. POLLARD, J.P. C.A., W. LOCKE, J.P., S. WITHERS, GOODALL, J. GATRALL, MORRIS, A. TEAGUE, C. LOADER, HARBER, W. T. GREENUP, A. LUSTY, W. PINCHARD, H. ADAMS, HALSTED, sen., HALSTED, jun., J. STAMP, G. STAMP, LIGHTFOOT, BLOWEY, PURNELL, O. BRADING, E. DAMP, A. POWELL, H. OSBORNE, J. SEYMOUR, W. THORNE, E. THORNE, WATSON, SMITH, SPENCER, T. FLOWER, E. SALTER, H. BOYCE (Haven St.), E. RICHARD, A. GIBSON, LOCKE (Duxmoor), A. PREWER, Dr WOODWARD, W. MATHEWS, H. JACOBS, O. JAMES, E. JAMES, H. GALLOP, G. GODFREY, STANNEY, F. MOOR, H. RUSSELL, C. JACKMAN, etc. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass fittings and bore the inscription, "Edward Kenneth MINTER, died September 4th 1900, aged 83 years."

Messrs. A. J. and W. COOMBES were the undertakers.

The wreaths were: "In kind remembrance and deep sympathy from Mr GOODALL and family, " With sincere sympathy from the chairman, directors and secretary of the Vectis Building Society," With loving sympathy from Mr and Mrs LIGHTFOOT," "In loving memory, from the children and grandchildren at St. Lawrence," "In loving memory of dear grandpa, from Alfred and Ella," "From Mr BLOWEY's class, with very deep sympathy and love," "Deepest sympathy from Mrs S. RADDON," and "From George SMITH and Thomas WEST."