

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 15th October 1925

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FUNERAL OF NURSE COLLIER

We regret to learn of the death of **Nurse COLLIER** at the County Hospital follow an operation. She was greatly respected in her professional duties. The deceased was a widow, 50 years of age and has been for five years with the Ryde District Nursing Association, her work being principally with the mothers of Oakfield and Elmfield where she was held in great respect. She leaves a son and daughter besides other relatives.

The funeral took place on Friday the interment at the Cemetery being preceded by a service at Holy Trinity Church which was attended by a considerable number of her late colleagues at the Nursing Institute and friends of Oakfield. Those present in addition to the family mourners comprised Miss CORRIE (hon. sec. District Nursing Association), Miss WILLIAMSON (Matron, County Hospital), Miss HENRY, Miss WHYATT (Superintendent Nurse), the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. Gillson GILL. M.A), Mr J.Y. PATERSON, Dr. PRIDMORE, Mr T. R. GRIMSDICK etc. The Vicar (Rev. Noel STUBBS M.A.) officiated and Mr. A. Percy JAMES (organist) played a selection as the congregation assembled. The coffin was covered with wreaths and had remained in the church overnight. The wreaths included one from the Nursing Association "In memory of a faithful nurse" and tributes from the mothers of Oakfield and others.

Messrs WHEELER Bros. Monkton-street, carried out the funeral arrangements.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 26th November 1925

TABLET UNVEILED TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE NURSE COLLIER.

In the presence of a large number of mothers and their children, a brief but impressive ceremony took place at the Welfare Centre, Trinity Hall, on Friday afternoon, when Alderman A. ANDREWS, J.P., C.C., Chairman of the Ryde District Nursing Association, who was accompanied by Mrs ANDREWS, unveiled a brass tablet to the memory of the late Nurse (Mrs) COLLIER which was subscribed for by the people of Oakfield and Ryde. Alderman and Mrs ANDREWS were supported on the platform by Miss WHYATT (Superintendent Nurse), Dr. E. Firman EDWARDS (Medical-Officer of Health) being also present.

Engraved on the tablet was the following : "In loving memory of Nurse Mary Jane COLLIER, who for five years faithfully carried out her duties in connection with the Ryde District Nursing Association and Mothercraft Societies this tablet was erected by those of the Oakfield and Ryde Districts she served so ably and well and by whom her loving care and sympathy was so greatly appreciated. She died October 14th, 1925. R.I.P." At the base was an ivy and floral wreath inscriber "In loving memory of Nurse COLLIER."

Alderman Arthur ANDREWS in performing the unveiling said he readily responded to the invitation to attend there that afternoon in connection with that little ceremony as did also Mrs ANDREWS, because for many years he had been chairman of the Ryde District Nursing Association and therefore connected with the Welfare Centre which was one of the most important branches of their work. What they had done was he considered a very fine, beautiful, and loving act on the part of the mothers who wished to show in some measure their appreciation of the character, life, service, and devotion of one of their nurses who, also, was no more. They had had in the late Nurse COLLIER as those present fully realised a true friend in every sense of the word (hear hear), and as he had sometimes said at the society's annual meeting there was no-one who was more welcomed at their houses than one of their district nurses whether it was Miss WHYATT

or her gallant band of helpers (applause). It was not merely from the medical standpoint – although they knew what a help it was in that direction, but they had always regarded them as true friends of the mothers, wives, and children of Ryde and neighbourhood, and he knew no better evidence of it than the act they were taking part in that, Mrs Freda BARTLETT was the one who originated it (applause), who had the assistance of Mrs SHINAR and Miss JENVEY, and from Oakfield, Mrs SQUIBB and Mrs DRAYTON who succeeded collecting mostly by small contributions £5 5s. 6d. so that they might have something before them that would always endear them to one who had gone. He knew that some of them were passing through difficult times and some said “I am afraid they can’t afford what they give” but his answer to that was real true giving always involved a certain amount of self-sacrifice and he knew that had been the case with some of those who had given and it enhanced the real value of what they had done. He could not speak too highly of the services the late Nurse COLLIER rendered and her noble work but he thought the words engraved on the tablet well expressed what she did and what they all felt with regard to her. He then proceeded to unveil the tablet, remarking that he had great pleasure in performing the ceremony although with much regret and sorrow to think that the nurse was no longer in their midst to carry on her beautiful and beneficent work (applause). They would always have it before them at their meetings and she would be held in lasting remembrance.

All present then upstanding joined in the singing a verse of “Rock of Ages” which concluded the ceremony.

The tablet was supplied by Mr H. OSBORNE, Union-street.

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