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**COUNCILLOR E.C. GOBLE IN PORTRAIT GALLERY.**

In the current issue of "The Horticultural Trade Journal" appears a striking photograph of Councillor E.C. GOBLE, of Monkton Street, together with his noted strain of "Primula alba plena grandiflora." The following biographical sketch is also given:

"Mr. Edward C. GOBLE was born at Bicester, Oxfordshire. He was educated at Cambridge House Private School, captained the football team, and won many trophies for shooting as a Volunteer. At 19 he went to the Lea Bridge Road Nurseries of John FRASER; later returning home to manage a section of his father's business. Seeing an advertisement of a nursery for sale at Ryde, he applied for it; within a week – to be exact, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889 – saw him installed there and for forty years floral cultures have been his pleasure and business. His Carnations, Daffodils, Dahlias, etc., have secured many gold medals and other awards locally and in London. The nurseries, including the glasshouses, cover six acres. A splendid strain of double white Primula is a source of much pride and profit and his culture of florists' flowers feed a demand for large numbers of floral designs every day.

"He has been for many years a churchwarden. During the war he was a lieutenant in the Local Defence Corps. A Town Councillor for ten years; a keen Rotarian; sometime chairman of the Island Horticultural Society, and much sought after as a judge at various sows. His main hobby is seeing the world horticulturally; he has made many tours through Britain and Europe. During the last twenty years he has been assisted in the business by his brother, Robert, and lately, also by a keen young nephew who has just reached his majority. Mr. GOBLE'S own family consists of his accomplished wife and one daughter, who is still at school."

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