

**DEATH OF THE HEAD MASTER OF THE BETTESWORTH ROAD SCHOOL.** Our obituary last week recorded the death of Mr Joseph W.H. TAYLOR, the head master of the Bettesworth-road School. Mr Taylor had been under the Ryde School Board about ten years, at first head master of the St. John's-road School he was subsequently transferred to Bettesworth-road School when that was opened. He had been in a delicate state of health for some years, suffering from an incurable complaint, from which he died on Friday last, after an absence from school of only a few days.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at the cemetery, when the service at the grave was impressively performed by the Rev Hooker WIX (chairman of the Ryde School Board), the other members of the Board present being Mr. Josiah CUTLER (vice-chairman), Rev A.J. WADE, Rev W.M. HARRISON, Mr. George GARNETT, and Mr H. POLLARD; Mr Thomas DASHWOOD, J.P. (ex-chairman of the Board); Mr. FLUX (clerk to the Board). Nearly all the teachers in the neighbourhood showed their respect by attending; and the boys of the Bettesworth-road School were also present, and carried flowers, which they threw into the grave. At the conclusion of the service the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung.

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