

DEATH OF MR. E.J. STOCKS. – The funeral took place at the Ryde Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon of Mr. Ernest J. STOCKS, of Brinkies, Daniel street, Ryde, who died on Friday night last, at the early age of 43. Mr. STOCKS was for many years overseer at the Observer Press, Ryde, where his conscientious discharge of his duties, his uprightness of character and his regard for others made him universally liked and respected. He was first taken ill some four years ago of consumption, and though he took a prolonged holiday which seemed to do him good, it soon became apparent that there was no hope of his complete recovery. He was very well known in the town. One of the most prominent members of the Ancient Order of Foresters, he was a Past Chief Ranger and at the time of his death held the offices of sub-secretary, and was also a Past Pastor of the Shepherds. He was one of the founders, and was for two or three years the secretary of the Ryde Working Men's Conservative and Unionist Club, which because so successful, and he was also hon. Secretary of the Holy Trinity Sick Benefit club, one of the largest clubs of its kind in the Island. It may safely be said that there is not a man with whom he came in contact in these different capacities who will not sincerely regret his untimely death. We are sorry to say that he leaves a wife and three small children, one an invalid, with whom much sympathy is felt in their sad loss.

The first portion of the service was at Holy Trinity Church the officiating clergy being the Vicar (the Rev. J.E. EDDIS) and the Rev. C.E. HUGHES. At the graveside the beautiful committal service of the Ancient Order of Foresters was read by the Sub-Chief Ranger of the South Western District (Br. W.H. HUNT, P.C.R.). The mourners were: Mrs. E.J. STOCKS (widow), Miss M. STOCKS, Mrs. A. SAUNDERS, Mrs. SHAWYER (sisters), Mr. E.P. STOCKS (brother), Mr. A.J. AYLES and Mr. T. AYLES, (brothers-in-law), and Mr. C. ELDRIDGE (Newport).

Among others present were Messrs. H. KING and A.K. GALLOP (I.W. Observer), W.H. HUNT, P.C.R., J.W. TAYLOR, P.C.R., J.R. WHITNEY, P.C.R., G.F. HAYLES, P.C.R., J.W. HOWELL, P.C.R., G. ROWE, and W. BARTLETT (representing Court "Astrea," A.O.F.), B. HOGG, W.E. AUSTIN, HED WILLIAMS (Working Men's Conservative Club), J. LONG (Holy Trinity Sick Benefit Society). Mr. A.J. HARTNALL was unavoidably prevented from attending.

Among the numerous beautiful floral tributes were the following: "In loving memory of my dear husband, from his sorrowing wife and children," "In memory of our dear brother, from his loving sisters and brothers," "In loving memory, from Tom, Arthur and Allee," "In loving memory from Fred, Flo and Freddie," "In loving memory, from Annie and George," "In loving memory of our dear brother, from Kit and Alf," "In loving memory of our dear son, from father and mother," "With deep regret, from Lottie and Will," "With deep sympathy and regret from Mr. A.J. HARTNALL," "With deep sympathy from the staff at the Observer Press," "From the members of the Conservative and Unionist Working Men's Club," from the members and committee of Holy Trinity Sick Benefit Society, from Court "Astrea" Ancient Order of Foresters, and from friends at the Queen's Hotel.
