

DEATH OF A TRADESMAN

We regret to record the death of **Mr. F. W. SARGENT**, a local printer, who has carried on business for many years in High-street, and who passed peacefully away on Sunday morning aged 58. The deceased came from London to Ryde some thirty years ago and subsequently took over the business of Mr. GABELL in Church lane, and until the last year or two took an active part in the affairs of the town. Like other business men especially those engaged in the printing and allied trades, he was greatly handicapped during the war through shortage of staff and his health broke down. His heart became affected and he had been attended by Dr TURNER. The deceased was one of the oldest members of the East Medina Lodge of Freemasons being a past secretary, and was greatly respected. He was also a Congregationalist. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters to mourn his loss. The business will be carried on as usual for the time being by Mr Owen SARGENT, the eldest son.

The funeral took place at the Cemetery, on Thursday, when a considerable number attended to pay their last tribute of respect, including brethren of the East Medina Lodge of Freemasons and local printers and other friends, and tradesmen. The family mourners comprised: Mr. O. H. SARGENT (son), Miss SARGENT (daughter), Mrs. SLADE (sister), Mr. T. YOUNG (nephew), and Mr. A. F. PHELP.

The Masonic brethren included Major ELLERY, Messrs. E. A. and P. V. COOMBES, Malcolm and H. J. OSBORNE, Rowland RUSSELL, H. G. DUFFET, C. J. de LAUNAY, Reginald and W. H. LONG, E. J. WHEELER, CRABB, HOLT, REES, AND FEBEN. There were also present the Rev. G. C. RUBIE, Incumbent, and Messrs. Claude SMITH, and J. R. GRACE, church-wardens of St. James's, Mr. S. FOWLER J.P., Mr. W. K. TAYLOR, J.P. Mr. G. W. DAISH, J.P., Mr. H. G. JOLLIFFE, Mr. W. HOPGOOD, Mr. THORMAN Mr. J. Harold SOUL (organist of the Congregational Church), Mr. and Mrs. PRIESTLY, Miss HENRY, Messrs. F. P. MELLISH, C. R. MOODY, J. H. LIGHTBOWN, A. NICHOLLS, WHITEWOOD, W. POOLE, MORRIS, R. BREWER AND S. COOMBES (employees), etc. In the absence from the town of the Rev. G. Palmer LEWIS, the service at the graveside was impressively taken by the Rev. M. Lister GAUNT (Baptist Minister), and at the conclusion the Freemasons deposited mimosa sprigs on the coffin, which bore the inscription: **Frederick William SARGENT**. Died 16th May, 1920 aged 58 years.

Wreaths were sent by the widow, sons, and daughters and the following: - A Tribute of affection from the officers and brethren of East Medina Lodge, No. 175; "With sincere sympathy from the Master Printers of Ryde." "A token of respect and deepest sympathy from his Employees," Mr. F. W. CUTLER and Mrs. A. BELMONT (Newport). His only Sister HARDY; All at Sunnysdene, West Worthing; Miss HENRY, Mrs. John SLADE, Harry and Amy SLADE, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. WRIGHT, Mr. and Mrs. Walter GIBSON (Sandown, Mr. and Mrs. WANT and family, Mrs. John DIMMICK and Mrs CLARK, Mrs. HILL (Tunbridge Wells) the Misses CROFT.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Chas. LANGDON.
