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**Death of Mr. W. HALSTED.** – The death occurred at 17 Belvedere Street on Sunday, after a long illness, of Mr. Walter HALSTED, aged 80. A native of Ryde, he left for Cambridge at the age of 16 to be apprenticed to the outfitting trade. For more than 20 years he was manager of a Northampton outfitter's shop. Subsequently he opened his own business at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and after the first world war became a commercial traveller in the south of England. He came here to live after retiring in 1931. The possessor of a fine baritone voice, he sang with the chorus of the Borough of Ryde Philharmonic Society. He was much in demand as a concert vocalist, and was always accompanied at the piano by his wife, formerly Miss Flora DUNKLEY, A.L.C.M.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the Rev. G. J. NELSON officiating at a service at the house and at the interment at Ryde Cemetery. The mourners were Mrs. W. HALSTED (widow), Messrs. B. and F. HALSTED (nephews), Mrs. J. LEWYS-THOMAS, Mrs. J. HOYES, and Nurse M. GROVES.

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