

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 5th January 1907

DEATH OF MR. WM. GIBBS. - It is with very much regret that we record the death of Mr. **Wm. GIBBS**, which occurred at his residence, St. Heliers, Ryde, on Thursday after a brief illness, at the age of 81. Mr. GIBBS had not been in robust health for some time, and in the early part of last year he went to Shanklin for rest and quiet. He derived benefit from the change, and up to a week or two ago seemed in much better health. Mr. GIBBS was formerly in business as a chemist and dentist in Union Street, Ryde, afterwards with Mr. GURNELL. He, however, retired from business many years ago, though he was still interested in various commercial undertakings, of several of which he was a director. He was particularly interested in the Ryde Pier Company and the Ryde Gaslight Company, being a member of the Board of Directors of each. He had been a director of the former company since 1881, and brought into the work much business ability and foresight. A man of ideas he carried through several schemes in Ryde. In his more vigorous years he was a member of most of the committees formed to carry on entertainments in Ryde, and he nearly always had some novel idea which went far to make the undertakings a success. In politics he was a Liberal Unionist though he did not take an active part in any political work. He was a very kind-hearted man, and was very much liked by his large circle of acquaintance.

The funeral will take place at Brading on Monday morning at 11.15.

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