

DEATH OF MR. TREVOR HANDLEY, OF SEAVIEW.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. **Alfred Trevor HANDLEY**, of St. Leonard's, Springvale, Seaview, which occurred after several weeks' illness at a West End nursing home on Wednesday. He was one of the principals of Messrs. **HANDLEYS**, Ltd., the prominent Southsea business house. Although his health had given cause for anxiety during the last two years Mr. **HANDLEY** had taken an active part in his business and recreative activities. Some weeks after the sudden passing of his brother, Mr. Douglas **HANDLEY**, at the end of last year, he was taken more seriously ill with heart trouble, and on the advice of his doctors removed to the nursing home some three months ago to undergo special treatment. On Sunday he had a relapse, after which he gradually got weaker. The sincerest sympathy is felt with his wife in her irreparable loss, which comes at a time when she herself is convalescing from a very serious illness.

The second son of the late Mr. George **HANDLEY**, of Springvale, the founder of **HANDLEYS** Ltd., Mr. **HANDLEY** had been actively associated with the firm throughout his life. With his brother Douglas he succeeded his father and his astute business qualities and supervision contributed in a large measure to secure the ever-increasing success of the firm. He was prominently known in the drapery business throughout the country and was an active member of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade, of which he was a past president. He was a former president of the Portsmouth Drapers' Chamber of Trade and of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. As a trustee of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital and member of the Finance Committee he did valuable work. During the war he served under Col. Sir Arthur **HOLBROOKE**, K.B.E., who was at that time officer-in-charge of supplies on Salisbury Plain and his business and administrative ability proved invaluable.

While his business life was spent at Southsea, like his brother he found his recreation in the Island. He was a keen golfer, a member and former captain of the Sandown and Shanklin Club. Yachting was another favourite past-time and he was a member of Seaview Y.C. The Ryde Club also claimed him as a member. In politics he was an ardent Conservative and a former vice-chairman of Seaview branch of the I.W. Conservative and Unionist Association. He was no mere figurehead, but actively engaged in the work, often speaking at branch meetings. His speeches were always convincing and were often enlivened with whimsical humour. He could make a delightfully humorous, but never unkindly, sally at his political opponents, and his remarks were always listened to with keen interest because he spoke with the knowledge of an experienced business man. Mr. **HANDLEY** in private life was of rather a reserved nature. He was a very kindly disposed gentleman and those who knew him more intimately found in him a singular charm of manner and deep human understanding, which he combined with many other excellent qualities. A liberal-minded man, he gave unostentatiously to any deserving cause.

He married Miss Norah K. **BEATTY**, younger daughter of the late Mr. W.G. **BEATTY** of Chetwynd, Bassett, and of Mrs. Merton **THOMAS**, of Chetwynd, Bembridge, by whom he is survived with two young daughters.

The funeral takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at 2.45 at St. Peter's Church, Seaview, and the interment will be in the family grave at Westridge Cemetery, Ryde.
