

John Arbory

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CARISBROOKE

DEATH OF MR. JOHN ARBORY. - The death occurred, on Monday, of a much-esteemed resident in the person of Mr. John Arbory, aged 65, of Norton Cottage, who had borne with exemplary fortitude a long and painful illness, the suffering of which was intensified by the death of his wife from the same malady last spring. Deceased had been in the prison service for more than 40 years, 13 at Parkhurst, first as Scripture reader, and afterwards on the clerical staff. Although he had reached the age limit, he continued at the Prison during the war, so as to release younger men. He was active in parochial work, being for some time people's warden of Carisbrooke Church, and also formerly president of the Working Men's Club and secretary of the Parish Church freewill offering scheme from its inauguration, his marked business ability being conspicuously displayed in connection with all these activities. The funeral took place on Thursday, the first part of the service at the Parish Church, and the interment at the Cemetery, the Rev. C. Lovokin (who is doing temporary duty pending the arrival of the new vicar) officiating. Parkhurst Prison officers acted as bearers. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. E. Arbory (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Cockayne (sister), Mr. J. H. Greenfield, Mr. J. R. Dart (people's warden), who also represented the clerical department of H.M. Prison, Parkhurst), and Miss E. Attrill. Those also present amongst the congregation were Messrs. C. Chiverton and J. H. Deacon, T.C. (representing the Working Men's Club), and R. Fisk (Vicar's warden). The church choir sang the hymns "Peace, perfect peace" and "My God, my Father," the 90th Psalm was chanted, and, as the body was borne from the church, the choir sang the Nunc dimittis and the organist (Mr. G. R. Barrett) played funeral music.

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