Alfred Percy Knight

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Death of Well Known Tradesman. ----- The death occurred suddenly on Saturday at his business address, 56 Pyle-street, of Mr. Alfred Percy Knight, aged 68, of 139 Carisbrookeroad. He was well known as the proprietor of a boot and shoe business, which he had carried on for 45 years. A keen pigeon fancier, specialising in show homers, Mr. Knight was a member of the old Newport Fanciers` Club, and latterly of the Carisbrooke and District Fanciers` Society, and several mainland clubs. Just before the war he won the trophy for the best bird at the London Dairy Show. He had won numerous other prizes in mainland and local shows, and his services were in demand as a judge. He was also a keen bowler some years ago, being a member of the Carisbrooke Club when they played on the Eight Bells Hotel lawn. Mr. Knight had been in poor health since his home was wrecked by a flying bomb just over two years ago. On Saturday morning he attended the Island school sports on the Church-litten Football Ground and, feeling unwell, went to his shop, where he passed away. Much sympathy is felt with the widow and family in their unexpected loss. The esteem in which he was held was shown by the large gathering at the funeral service at the Congregational Church on Wednesday. The Rev. T. E. R. Langridge officiated, and in a tribute to the deceased spoke of the high respect in which he was held in the town. Mr. A. Mearman accompanied the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Lord, to Thy loving Arms." The church was decorated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Dufton. The mourners were Mr. B. R. Knight (son), Miss E. Knight (daughter), Mrs. E. Knight (daughter-in-law), Messrs. W. Reynolds, N. Ernest, and Everitt Fry, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kilmartin (nephews and niece), Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayles, and Messrs. W. Upton, F. Morgan, and H. Ash. Others present included the Mayor (Ald. H. Whitehead), Messrs. P. G. Jenkins, T.C., F. E. Whitcher, J.P., W. G. Sibbick, J.P., F. Chiverton, G. Dunford, J. Dufton, F. Cooper (representing Mr. G. Cooper), S. A. Porter (representing Mrs. Porter), W. H. Urry, T. H. Alexander, D. W. Morris, R. Jones, G. T. Harris, E. C. Nest, G. Long, W. Guy, J. J. Drudge, A. D. Callaway, H. J. Heal, J. Dove, L. G. Upward, A. G. Harrison, and C. H. Cowdery, Mesdames E. Day, H. Porter (representing Mr. H. Porter), and W. Spanner, the Misses A. Matthews, G. Cheverton, M. H. Alexander, M. Guy, H. Newcombe, and M. Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Nettleton. The Carisbrooke and District Fanciers` Club was represented by Mr. F. P. Abraham, Messrs. J. K. Alderslade, Ltd., by Mr. O. G. Day, and Messrs. Hayles and Son by Mr. W. S. Gibbs. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements, and the interment was at the Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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