Frances Mary Linington

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NEWPORT

THE LATE MRS. J.H. LININGTON

The Pyle Street Methodist Church has suffered a great loss by the death in St. Mary's Hospital on Thursday week of Mrs. Frances Mary Linington, of Southlands, Cypress Road, who for over 55 years worshipped at the church and took a prominent part in its activities, particularly during the many years in which her late husband was the circuit steward. Mrs. Linington, who remained remarkably active in spite of her great age, had been in a Ryde Nursing Home, and latterly a home at Ventnor, but following a stroke, was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital. Born at Sandhurst, Kent, nearly 86 years ago, she came to the Island in her teens, and one of her vivid recollections was of a disastrous fire at Gentles, the draper's shop in the High Street where she was one of the resident staff, when soldiers from the barracks were called in to help. She married in 1895 Mr. J.H. Linington who succeeded to the proprietorship of the well-known hardware and agricultural machinery firm which was founded about the year 1790. Mr. Linington died 28 years ago, but Mrs. Linington continued to be a leader in church activities, particularly at bazaars, and became president of the Young Leaguers, an organisation which supports the National Children's Homes and Orphanages. With her husband she attended several Rotary conferences in the early days of the movement, notably in Belgium and Holland. She leaves a son and two daughters.

The Minister (the Rev. C. Cardy) conducted the funeral service in the Pyle Street Methodist Church on Monday and officiated at Carisbrooke Cemetery where the interment was alongside her husband. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Dart (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Linington (son and daughter-in-law) and the Rev. and Mrs. A.J. Keeley. Miss M. Linington (daughter) was prevented from attending through illness. The firm were represented by Messrs. A.C. Early and G. Attrill. Only family tributes were requested, but there was one from the church, and cheques in lieu have been forwarded to the National Children's Homes. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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