

James Henry Linington

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DEATH OF MR. J. H. LININGTON, OF NEWPORT.

We record with much regret the death on Monday, at his residence, Southlands, Cypress-road, Newport, of Mr. James Henry Linington, at the age of 87, after several weeks' illness. Deceased, who belonged to an old and much respected Island family, was well known throughout the Island as a prominent Wesleyan and Newport tradesman, and a former member of the Corporation of that borough, and an enthusiastic Rotarian and Freemason. For some 40 years he had carried on the well known ironmonger's business in St. James's-square, Newport, in which he succeeded his uncle, the late Mr. James Linington, who established it in the Market-square many years ago. His business associations, especially in dealing with agricultural and dairying machinery and implements, brought him into close touch with the Island farming community, in which he was highly esteemed, as he was in Island Wesleyan Methodist circles. He was connected with the Newport Wesleyan Church and Sunday-school throughout his life. From his days as a scholar he passed on to become a teacher, hon. secretary, and eventually superintendent, and although he relinquished his active association with the school some 10 or 12 years ago he continued to take a keen and generous interest in it. In the church at Newport he served for many years as society steward, and was for over 30 years circuit chapel secretary, and for two terms circuit steward of the Newport and Cowes Wesleyan Circuit. For some seven years at the beginning of the present century he was an active and useful member of the Newport Corporation, being a councillor for the South Ward in days of keen municipal contests. During the Great War he rendered most useful patriotic service in the Volunteer Training Corps of Newport district, and rose to the rank of quarter-master in it. As an enthusiastic member of the Newport Rotary Club he took an active and generous interest in the beneficent activities of that organisation especially those for the welfare of the young, and he attended the last international conference of Rotary at Ostend in the autumn. He was for many years a valued member of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons. He was a member of Newport Golf Club and one of the oldest trustees of the I.W. Savings Bank. A keen horticulturist he was an ardent supporter of Island horticultural organisations, and for some years he excelled as a carnation grower, being a leading prize-winner at local and mainland shows. He leaves a widow, a son, and two daughters to whom the deepest sympathy of the community goes out in their bereavement. The respect Mr. Linington enjoyed in the town and in the wider circle of the Wesleyan Church in the Island was indicated by the large attendance at the funeral on Thursday, the Wesleyan Church, where a service preceded the interment at Carisbrooke, being almost filled. It was conducted by the superintendent minister (the Rev. A. W. Coulson), assisted by the Revs. E. Nicholas (Freshwater) and G. Hillyar-Russ (Cowes). The choir led the singing of the hymns "O God our help" and "Immortal love" (the last-named being the deceased's favourite), and the organist (Mr.

E. J. H. Quarrier) played "O rest in the Lord" at the close. The Rev. A. W. Coulson said he had been requested not unduly to prolong that service, and it would not be considerate to the bereaved to do so. But he felt that he could not let the opportunity pass of paying a tribute to the memory of such a saintly character as that of Mr. Linington. By his death the town had been deprived of one of its most highly respected citizens and that church of one of its most loyal and valued workers. It had been said that the world generally found out a man's good qualities after he had gone, but that could not be said of the deceased, whose many excellent qualities were clearly manifested during his life. Many who were associated with him in his Sunday-school work had profited by his influence, and in all his labours for the church both in that circuit and in the Portsmouth district he showed his loyalty to his Master. The chairman of the Portsmouth District had written conveying the sympathy of the whole of the churches with the family and adding "We have lost a true and loyal friend and helper." As a member of the Freemasons he believed in the brotherhood of man and in mutual helpfulness, and as a member of the Christian Church he believed in the higher brotherhood of humanity and in both he contributed his share to the upward progress of man. The Revs. A. W. Coulson and E. Nicholas shared the duties at the graveside. The mourners were : Mr. J. H. Linington (son), Miss Linington (daughter), Mr. F. E. Dart (son-in-law), Mrs. Williams, Mr. J. Linington, Chale, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Linington, Atherfield, Mr. C. Linington and Capt. H. Linington, Wroxall (cousins), Mr. A. Griffiths, Woking (brother-in-law), and Messrs. H. Linington (Atherfield), C. Linington (Wootton), J. Embling Dart (Carisbrooke), P. Brown (Atherfield), J. B. Alderslade, and L. Nobbs (Osborne). Following the personal mourners were the employees, Messrs. A. Elderfield, A. C. Early, G. W. and A. Attrill, E. Wareham, and L. West. Amongst the members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons present were Bros. H. W. Horan, G. A. Brannon, E. A. Kime, C. Morris Dabell, F. Morgan, and A. H. Dockrill. Mr. E. S. Welham (hon. secretary) represented the Golf Club, Supt. J. Salter (hon. treasurer) and Messrs. C. Martin, F.R.H.S., and P. G. Jenkins the I.W. Horticultural Association, Messrs. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., Leonard Jordan, J.P., C. H. Cave, and E. F. Wray, T.C., the Newport Burial Board, Mr. J. Banbury the National Provincial Bank, Mr. J. Way the I.W. Savings Bank (of which deceased was a trustee), Mr. F. E. Cox (president) and a number of members the Newport Rotary Club, Mr. W. G. Mitchell (president) the Sandown Rotary Club, Mr. J. Gladstone May the Cowes Rotary Club, Mr. J. A. Susans the Cowes Wesleyan Church, Mr. H. Jackman the Blackwater Wesleyan Church, Mr. W. E. Peach the choir of the Newport Church, and Mr. O. Ford the Boys` Brigade Company attached to the church.

There were about 40 beautiful floral tributes.

{the large number of other local people attending the funeral, and also messages on the floral tributes have not been transcribed}

Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

Mrs. Linington and family return sincere thanks for kind inquiries, sympathy, and flowers in their recent bereavement.

At the League of Nations Union meeting on Tuesday the Rev. R. G. Thomas expressed regret at the death of Mr. Linington, who, he said, had shown a deep interest in the cause of peace by becoming one of the earliest members of that branch and by his work in connection with the Rotary Club. The meeting passed a vote of condolence with the family.

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