

Fanny Mary Minns

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MISS F. M. MINNS. - We regret to record the death on Saturday at a Ryde Nursing Home, where she went for treatment a short time ago, of Miss F. M. Minns, of Langsnek, Medina Avenue. The deceased lady, who was in her 82nd year won distinction for her native town by her skill as an artist. She made a very close study of the art both of water-colour and oil painting. Her productions, which were periodically exhibited, showed a fine sense of the beautiful, whether of landscape, seascape, or the natural charm of flowers and fruit, and revealed talents of a very high order. For many years she held painting classes at Newport. She had travelled widely in Great Britain and on the continent in search of scenes for her pictures. Like her sister, the late Mrs. Henry Shephard, who died a few years ago, Miss Minns was a keen musician, and for many years was the capable honorary organist at the Unitarian Church. She was interested in several local societies, including the old Benevolent Society, of which she was a very active member of the committee.

Of late years she had been greatly handicapped by deafness. Her many friends, by whom she was held in high regard, will deplore her passing, and local art circles have lost one of their most talented members. During the war Miss Minns did much patriotic work, including collecting for the Belgian refugees, collecting musical instruments for war camps, and conducting classes in wood-carving for young recruits. She gave some of her pictures to the local prison. In short she was ever helping charitable and philanthropic causes.

The interment took place on Wednesday, the first portion of the service being held at the Unitarian Church, Newport, the Rev. P. Jones officiating. The chief mourners were the Misses Kate Pring, Hilda and Dorothy Minns (nieces), Engr-Capt. F. Pring, R.N., and Messrs Leonard Pring, W. O., H. W., and C. J. Minns (nephews), Arthur Pring (grand-nephew), and A. W. Drew. There were also present Mesdames R. Pring (Sandown), White, Gustar, Whately, Blow, White (Wootton), Toogood, Blake, Board, Grist, Dowden, Raynard, and Lane, the Misses Pring, Caws, Morey, Witham, Buckler, Coggger, Gubbins, Grist, and Tiptaft, and Nurse Ranger (Ryde), and Messrs D. S. Pring, W. I. Bright, G. A. Brannon, T. Stokes, F. Burton, and J. Dowden. The deceased was laid to rest in the same grave as her mother, the late Mrs. William Minns, who died in 1899, at Carisbrooke Cemetery. At the special request of the deceased there were no flowers. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Messrs H. and F. Damp.

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