

Harry William Parnell

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. H. W. Parnell.-General regret will be felt at the death, which occurred with unexpected suddenness on Tuesday, of Mr. Harry William Parnell, of 22 Hearn Street, an esteemed resident of the town, who, in his capacity as a funeral director, was noted for his sympathetic dealings with many local bereaved families.

Mr. Parnell, who was 69, was born here, and apprenticed to Mr. Samuel Chiverton, cabinet maker and undertaker, upon whose death he took over the business, which he had carried on with marked ability for about 40 years. From 1913 until 1929 he was, with the later Mr. J. Cole, joint lessee of the old Rink Picture Palace.

Mr. Parnell played a prominent role in athletics in his early days, and won himself a local reputation as a boxer, long-distance runner, and racing cyclist. In the years between 1890 and 1900 he held the Island light-weight boxing championship for two years, the three miles cross-country championship for two years, and made his own property the five miles cross-country championship cup by winning the event in three successive years. He was one of the first on the Island to take up motor-cycling.

Mr. Parnell was taken ill on Monday while at work, and was brought home, where he died the following morning. He leaves a widow, a married son, and four married daughters, with whom much sympathy is felt in their unexpected bereavement. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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NEWPORT

Funeral of Mr. H. W. Parnell.-The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Friday week of Mr. Harry William Parnell, of 22 Hearn Street, whose death was reported last week, at the age of 69. The Rev. J. W. F. Wayet (rector of Gatcombe) officiated.

The mourners were Messrs. C. W. Parnell (son), E. Rogers, C. Freeman, and R. Robinson (sons-in-law), and W. Matthews and T. Ruggs. The Undertakers Association was represented by Messrs. F. A. Linington (also representing H. and F. Damp, and Mr. P. Langdon, of Ryde) and L. J. Hamilton (also representing Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son).

Others present included Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Vine, Mrs. A. E. Reynolds, Miss M. Webb, and Messrs. W. Freeman, L. G. Daish, G. Hobby (representing Reads, Ltd.), F. Chiverton (representing the Block 9 Fire Watchers), and C. H. Cowdery. Mr. W. Wells made the arrangements.

Mrs. Parnell and family thank friends for letters of sympathy and floral tributes. Will they please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

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