

Rita Parnell

1921 census, Hearn Street, Newport

Harry W Parnell	Head	43Y2M	Picture Palace, Proprietor	Newport, IW
Amy Parnell	Wife	45Y1M	Home Duties	Newport, IW
Winifred Parnell	Daughter	17Y5M	Shop Assistant	Newport, IW
Charles Parnell	Son	15Y4M	Carpenters, Apprentice	Newport, IW
Ruby Parnell	Daughter	12Y10M	Whole-Time Education	Newport, IW
Rita Parnell	Daughter	10Y8M	Whole-Time Education	Newport, IW
Vera Parnell	Daughter	8Y9M	Whole-Time Education	Newport, IW
Edna Parnell	Daughter	4Y4M	Whole-Time Education	Newport, IW

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NEWPORT

A SAD BEREAVEMENT. – Sincere sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. H. Parnell, of 23 Hearn-street, in the heavy bereavement they sustained on Friday by the somewhat sudden death of their third daughter, Rita, 12 years of age, who passed away at the Newport Nursing Home after only 48 hours illness. Rita Parnell was a bright and popular girl, who showed great promise as a dancer and actress. She had cleverly taken principal parts in the successful pantomimes and children's plays produced by the Wight Strollers and Miss Barbara Allison, her dancing in the Wight Stroller's pantomime "Cinderella" and in the recent "Sunshine Children's" performances being greatly admired. Latterly, until her sudden illness intervened, she had been busy training her fellow candidates of the G.F.S. for a concert. She was a promising and much esteemed pupil at Welbourne House school, and a member of St. Thomas's Sunday-school, St. John's Band of Hope, and the junior branch of the Primrose League.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at Carisbrooke Cemetery, amid many signs of sympathy, the Vicar (Canon C. H. Thompson) officiating, in the presence of a large number of sympathisers, which included parties of her fellow scholars at Welbourne House-school and Miss Gander and candidates of the G.F.S. The personal mourners were her father, two brothers, and Mr. J. E. Cole. There were nearly 50 beautiful floral tributes, including affectionately inscribed tokens from the staff of the Rink Picture-palace; the Misses Pryer and the pupils of Welbourne House-school ; her friends at Miss Allison's dancing class ; G.F.S friends and helpers ; the Wight Strollers; the Junior Primrose League ; the St. Thomas's Sunday-school ; and the St. John's Band of Hope.

Mr. H. J. Heal made the arrangements.

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