

George Perry

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NEWPORT

Ex- Prison Officer's Death. - Seven prison officers from Parkhurst Prison acted as bearers at the funeral of Mr. George Perry on Thursday. Mr. Perry, who was 76, died at his home at Bryn-Teg, Albany Road, on Sunday. He had been a prison officer since 1903, having been trained as a nurse. Mr. Perry was transferred to Dartmoor, where he stayed until 1918. He helped with Irish political prisoners and conscientious objectors. In November, 1918, he was rushed to a Bristol prison to help with an outbreak of influenza, in which the former hospital officer had died suddenly. He dealt with other influenza outbreaks until he returned to Dartmoor, only to be posted to Horfield, Bristol. He stayed there until January 1927, when he came to Parkhurst Prison on being promoted to the post of hospital principal officer. He retired in December, 1934. At the end of his service he was presented with the Imperial Service Medal. Mr. Perry had been a keen gardener and was known for his excellent roses. He was also a member of the Foresters. The funeral service took place at the Quay Street Methodist Church, conducted by the minister (the Rev. W. H. Mildon). The hymns were "Guide me O thou Great Redeemer" and "The Lord's my Shepherd." The mourners were Messrs. D. G. and W. S. Perry (sons), and Mr. M. Ellis jnr. Parkhurst Prison was represented by the Governor. The interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and among the many floral tributes were some from the neighbours of Albany Road. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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