

Daniel Samuel Pring

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Death of Mr. D. S. Pring, of Newport

The death occurred on Wednesday, at Grove Cottage, Newport, of a well known and highly esteemed veteran resident of the borough in the person of Mr. Daniel Samuel Pring, who had reached the advanced age of 87 years. A member of an old and prominent family of Newport coal merchants, the deceased carried on that business for many years at Newport, in partnership with his brother, Mr. Samuel D. Pring, but he had been living in retirement for a considerable period. Though taking a keen interest in local affairs, the late Mr. Pring did not actively identify himself with public work by becoming a member of the Corporation or other local authorities. He was, however, an outspoken critic when he considered the occasion demanded it. Like his late father, he was a staunch supporter of the Liberal party and in earlier days rendered valued service to the party of his choice. On one occasion, when a leading London Liberal daily paper came down to a popular price from the high figure associated with the days of the newspaper tax, his enthusiasm for the cause led him to secure the delivery of a supply of copies of the journal for local distribution. The late Mr. Pring will also be remembered as a prominent Freemason and a keen member and supporter of the old Island Volunteers. He served for many years in every non-commissioned rank, and during the latter part of his membership he held a commission in the battalion. He was enthusiastic in his patriotic service and was a keen marksman. He was initiated a member of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons as far back as 1873, and he became worshipful master five years later. He held the position of lodge treasurer from 1880 to the end of 1904. He was appointed Provincial G.D.C. in 1884, and on his retirement in 1905 was presented with a gold chain and address. Active in forwarding the interests of the Masonic charities, he was steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the jubilee festival in 1892, and was presented with the charity jewel in November, 1898, after serving as steward at the centenary festival of the R.M.I (Boys) in June of that year. He was also presented with a gold watch by the members of the Lodge in 1892 in appreciation of his valuable services. In the Royal Arch Degree he was more than once the first principal, and in the Mark Degree he was one of those instrumental in reviving the Albany Lodge of Mark Masons T.I., which had lapsed for a time, and in this he also took office as W.M. He leaves three daughters and a son.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the service at St. John's Church, Newport, being fixed for 2.30.

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THE FUNERAL--of Mr. D. S. Pring, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place on Saturday, the first part of the service being held in St. John's Church. The interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. A guard of honour was formed at the entrance to the church by members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons. The service was conducted by Wor. Bro. the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.Chaplain, and P.A.G.Chaplain-Eng. (vicar of St. John's), who also delivered the Masonic funeral oration at the graveside. Miss. D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M., was at the organ and the hymns "The King of love," and "Jesu, Lover of my soul," were sung. The mourners were Miss E. M. Pring, and Mesdames F. B. Rutter and H. P. Morris (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. R. Pring (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. H. P. Morris (son-in-law), Messrs. R. T. and A. L. Morris (grandsons), Miss

J. Rutter (grand-daughter), Miss K. Pring (niece), Eng.-Comdr. F. Pring and Mr. L. Pring (nephews). Members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons present were Wor. Bros. G. A. Brannon, P.P.S.G.D., H. W. Horan, P.P.S.G.D., H. T. Read, P.P.G.Purst., W. Lyon Bright, P.P.A.G.D.C., E. F. Wray, P.P.A.G.D.C., W. C. Black, P.P.J.G.D., F. Morgan, P.P.S.G.D., A. H. Dockrill, D.C., and P. Genard Few, I.P.M., and Bros. Capt. H. A. Wavell, A. G. Bird, N. H. T. Mursell, J. B. Alderslade, E. W. Way, P.P.G.Org., F. H. W. Yelf, Walter J. Rugg, L. C. Attrill, T. Nobbs, D. Morris, T. H. Alexander, H. F. Scott, W. M. Alderslade, H. H. Gould, S.D., W. D. Way Buckell, W. Guy, G. Yelf, Capt. L. R. Harwood, and Mr. C. A. Good. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. R. T. Brackey, W.M., Wor. Bro. C. Morris Dabell, P.M., and Bros. F. E. Cox, J. W., and W. Lock. Other attending included the Misses Alderslade and Etheridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bird Cheverton, Ald. J. C. Millgate, J.P., and Messrs, F. J. Morris (West Billingham), R. J. Eldridge, A. Wood, W. Godwin, G. Gubbins, J. H. Black, E. R. Dore, T.C., A. Chappell, E. W. Jenkins, G. Tomlinson, E. G. Barnes, H. Shepard, J.P., W. J. Whittington, J.P., A. J. Taylor (St. John's Men's Bible Class), J. Roach, J. Long, and P. Hollis. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the Brethren of Albany Lodge. At the evening service at St. John's Church on Sunday the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) referred to the late Mr. Pring's devotion to the church and Freemasonry.

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