

Charles John Richard Purdey

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PARKHURST

MUCH SYMPATHY - has been called forth by the death of Mr. Charles John Richard Purdey, eldest son of Mrs. Friend, Parkhurst Prison, which took place on the 29th ult. The deceased was formerly in the Royal Horse Artillery and had served 12 years, eight of which were spent in India. He was a young man of most exemplary character, and was held in warm regard by all who knew him. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Saturday last, the coffin of polished elm being covered with beautiful wreaths from the relatives of the deceased and other friends. Four of the Prison officials acted as bearers. On Sunday evening there was a funeral service at Northwood Church, a large congregation attending. The sermon was preached by the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Milroy), who founded an impressive and touching discourse on the sixth verse of the 23rd Psalm. In affecting words he referred to the good character and uprightness of the deceased. The hymns sung were "Nearer, my God, to Thee," "On the resurrection morning," and "For ever with the Lord," and at the close of the service the organist, Mr. Iliffe, played the "Dead march" in Saul.

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