

## **Ernest James Henry Quarrier**

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### **Sudden Death of Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier.**

#### **A WELL KNOWN NEWPORT MUSICIAN**

The era when far more people than today studied musical instrument, when the soiree flourished, and when bashful sons and daughters performed their "party pieces" before admiring parents and relatives, is recalled by the death on Saturday of Mr. Ernest James Henry Quarrier, of 3 Drill Hall Road, Newport. Early in the century, Mr. Quarrier established a reputation as a professor of music, teaching a wide range of instruments, including the piano, organ, violin, viola, mandoline, banjo, and guitar. In his capacity, and as a piano tuner, he made many friends during his visits to all parts of the Island, extending over half a century. In addition he set to music many lines by a local poet, the late Mr. Bertie James, and many of his compositions were published, one song being accepted by Queen Victoria. Some years ago he frequently organised sacred concerts in Newport for charitable objects, and he was always ready to assist at local entertainments as piano accompanist. He had been organist at the Newport Victoria Methodist (formerly Wesleyan) Church since about the beginning of the century, and frequently played there prior to receiving the official appointment while his father, the late Mr. George Quarrier, was the organist. He had also been organist to the Newport P.S.A. Brotherhood for an even longer period, and his services were given throughout in practically an honorary capacity. Quiet and unassuming he enjoyed the respect and esteem of many friends and pupils throughout the Island, and sympathy is extended to the widow and to his daughters.

#### **The Funeral**

The funeral service at the Victoria Methodist Church, Pyle Street, Newport, on Thursday, was attended by a large congregation. The Rev. J. L. Stafford (minister) officiated and Mr. H. F. Payn, at the organ, accompanied the hymns "In heavenly love abiding" and "Rock of ages," and the choir in the anthem "Crossing the bar." Mr. Stafford described Mr. Quarrier's life as one of dedication to music. He had played organ at that church for more than 50 years and his loss would be deeply felt by the entire community.

The mourners were Mrs. Quarrier (widow). Miss E. Quarrier (daughter). Mr. R. A. Fry (son-in-law). Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Quarrier (brother and sister-in-law). Messrs. W. J. Bricknell and F. Reynolds (brothers-in-law), the Misses H., F., and C. Bricknell (sisters-in-law). Mrs. G. Cooley and Miss E. Ash (cousins), and Miss L. Hill. Mrs. R. A. Fry (daughter) and Mrs. Marks Broome (sister) were unable to attend through ill-health and Mr. E. B. Quarrier, another brother, is in Canada.

The P.S.A. was represented by Messrs. J. Clark (deputy president), W. Noland, F. Smart, A. Williams, E. F. Carpenter (organist), L. G. Upward, and R. Kent. Other organists attending were Mr. L. E. Dore (St. Paul's Barton), and Mr. A. Mearman (Congregational Church), and among those also present were the Rev. Dr. N. Spoor (Congregational minister), Brig. G. Mannouch (Salvation Army), Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Spanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gracey, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Holbrook, Mesdames W. Coleman and C. Girling (representing the P.T.E.), F. Stevens, H. G. Hurrell, F. Heal (also representing

Mr. Heal), R. Mackett (also representing Mrs. E. Ash), E. Brown, F. Gentle, L. Earley, G. Wells, E. Ball, D. Jacobs, H. Porter, E. H. Upward (also representing Mrs. F. New), and J. L. Stafford, the Misses N. Benfield, B. Early, M. Chessall, F. Gentle, and E. Gentle, and Messrs. F. J. Gentle, J. W. Leal, E. Realey (also representing Mr. C. Wyatt), J. H. Knighton, R. Benfield, J. D. Truscott (also representing Mrs. W. E. Peach), J. A. Hales, G. E. Tomlinson, C. J. Cooper, A. P. Woodford, J. W. Blake, J. F. Launder, T.C., B. Gilbert (representing Newport Toc H), H. Morris, G. Norman, C.C., W. H. Downer (representing Onward Tent Rechabites), W. Simmonds, F. P. Fry, J. Wadmore, A. Lewis, and J. H. Dunford. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Among the floral tributes were those from the P.S.A. Brotherhood, the Victoria Methodist Church, and the choir.

The arrangements were made by Mr. W. W. Wells.

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