

Clarice Ida Saunders

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A SAD BEREAVEMENT.---Sincere sympathy is felt with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders, of Claremont, Drill-hall road, in the death, after a lingering illness, on Friday week, of their younger daughter, Clarice Ida, at the early age of 24. Miss Saunders was a charming girl, beloved by all who knew her, and was shortly to have been married to Mr. Leslie Varney, of H.M. Prison Staff, at Wormwood Scrubbs, son of Mr. F. Varney, a former well-known member of the Parkhurst Prison staff, now at Wandsworth. She was a valued worker in connection with St. John's Church, being a member of the choir, a Sunday-school teacher, and a regular helper at the annual bazaar. She also frequently assisted as a flag-day collector, and was a member of the G.F.S. and the Newport branch of the Conservative Association. Her ever cheerful and helpful ways won her hosts of friends. Her popularity and the widespread regret her early death has occasioned was evidenced at the funeral on Tuesday by the beautiful display of over 80 floral tributes. A service at St. John's Church preceded the interment at Carisbrooke. The Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar) officiated. Her fellow choristers led the chanting of the 90th Psalm and the singing of her favourite hymns "Sun of my soul" and "Lead us, heavenly Father," and Miss Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M. (organist) played "O rest in the Lord" whilst the mourners were assembling, and Mendelssohn's funeral march at the close. The chief mourners were her parents, Miss Doris Saunders (sister), Mr. Leslie Varney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mew, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. W. Phillips and Miss Saunders (uncles and aunts), Mr. S. Mew and Miss Una Phillips (cousins), Mr. Roy Scott, and Mr. F. Varney. Other relatives attending were Mesdames L. M. Smith and W. Barton and Mr. W. G. Sibbick (cousins), and the large gathering in the church included Dr. G. Raymond, Nurse Cheverton, Ald. C. Steel, Mr. F. Matthews (choirmaster), the Misses Oliver, Warne, and Martin, Mrs. W. Guy, Mrs. Rex Tyler, Mrs. Gladwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Urry, Mr. H. Donougho, Miss Etheridge, Mrs. F. Wells, Mr. M. L. Whitworth, Mr. E. Cave, and many other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders wish to express their grateful appreciation of the devoted attention of Dr. Raymond and Nurse Cheverton, and their heartfelt thanks for the numerous kindnesses shown during their daughter's illness, and for the beautiful floral tributes.

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