

## Norman Henry Simmonds

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**Yacht-Master's Bereavement.**--A promising career has been cut short by the death in the Seamen's Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, on Tuesday, of Mr. Norman Henry Simmonds, younger son of Capt. W. H. Simmonds, a well known yacht-master of The Helms, Park-road. The deceased, who was 27, was formerly a valued and popular choirboy at St. Mary's Church. He served his time as an apprentice at Mr. George Marvin's yacht-yard, and afterwards went to sea. For nearly three years he served in the P. and O. Company's steamship Naldera, which is on the Far East service. He was taken ill with appendicitis on the last homeward voyage from Marseilles in July. He was landed at Greenwich in a serious condition and removed to the hospital, where he remained for three weeks. The usual operation could not be performed, but he showed signs of improvement and was thought likely to return home, when a relapse set in and he passed away from peritonitis. He was married about a year ago to Miss A. K. Rackett, second daughter of the late Corpl. E. Rackett and Mrs. Rackett, of 43 Trafalgar-road, Newport, with whom and with the father much sympathy is felt. The interment took place on Saturday at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, where the deceased was married. The Rev. H. S. Footman (rector and rural dean) officiated. The mourners included the widow, Capt. W. H. Simmonds (father), Mrs. Simmonds (step-mother), Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simmonds (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Newnham of Southsea (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. F. Bullock (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Messrs. H. and F. Rackett (brothers-in-law), H. Mouncher (cousin), T. G. Hale (representing St. Mary's choir), J. Gladdis (Northwood Lodge of Oddfellows, of which deceased was a member), and S. Woodland (representing Mr. G. Marvin and employees). Among the many floral tributes was a beautiful anchor and cable from the captain, officers, and crew of the s.s. Naldera, and others from Messrs. P. and W. Wadham (the widow's former employers) and staff, and the Loyal Northwood Lodge of Oddfellows.--Mrs. Simmonds wishes to thank the many kind friends for their expressions of sympathy in her sad bereavement. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Damp, of Newport, in conjunction with Mr. G. Rickett, of Tilbury.

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