

Grace Mary Louise Welby-Pryer

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DEATH OF Miss Grace Welby-Pryer.- The parish of St. John's has lost a highly esteemed and very devoted worker by the death at Welbourne House, Terrace-road, on Wednesday, of Miss Grace Mary Louise Welby-Pryer, eldest daughter of the late Rev. W. and Mrs. Welby-Pryer, and sister of the organist of St. John's Church (Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M.). The deceased lady had borne a long and trying illness with exemplary fortitude, and throughout her long association with the work of St. Johns parish she had unfailingly displayed a spirit of cheerful helpfulness which deservedly won her the affection of all. For 30 years she had been the leader of the Band of Hope; for a long period she had been the deputy-superintendent of the infants' department of the Sunday-school and the hon. secretary of the school, where the little ones loved her; she had been a member of the Parochial Church Council since its inception and was responsible for the electoral roll; a member of and hon. secretary of the church choir; and at the annual sales of work and in many other of the church's activities she was an untiring worker, with a rare gift for organising and securing the loyal help of others. Her charming and helpful presence will be greatly missed in the parish. Sharing the family gift of music, she played the 'cello and often assisted local orchestras. Some years ago she and Mr. C. H. Russell acted jointly as hon. secretary of the Philharmonic Society, and she had continued her membership of the society. Much sympathy is felt with her three surviving sisters in their great loss. The funeral will be at St. John's Church this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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NEWPORT

The Funeral of Miss Grace Welby-Pryer.- of Welbourne House, Terrace-road, took place on Saturday. The service in St. John's Church, with which she had been actively associated, for many years, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) and the large gathering showed the sincere esteem in which the deceased lady was held. Miss K. Lower, L.R.A.M., at the organ, accompanied the chanting of Psalm 23 and the singing of the hymn "On the Resurrection morning." The chief mourners were the Misses L., D., and I. Welby-Pryer (sisters), Mrs. Welby-Pryer (step-mother), Mrs. Gaster, Mrs. Peach, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Newbery (Sunday-school superintendent infants' department), and Miss Kingston. Those also attending included Mr. and Mrs. James and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. and Miss Cutmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Knight, Mrs. and Mr. L. Church, Mrs. and Miss Way, Mrs. H. Abraham (the Townswomen's Guild and Mrs. Hogg, president), and Miss Abraham, Mesdames C. Linington, Pullinger, and Hart and the Misses F. Peach, Midlane, A. D. Horan, Warne, Dell and Alexander, and Messrs. J. W. Hobbs, E. McCullaugh, and Horace Lower (Sunday-school teachers), Mesdames Burt, Dunning, Watson, W. and P. Whiston, Kinchington, Ash, Stagg, F. Chiverton, H. C. Taylor, Jeffrey, Mackett, Wheeler, K. Westmore, Allee, Moorman, H. James, Wellspring, Barton, J. Roach, and J. J. Drudge, Misses Etheridge(2), Webb (2), Stotesbury (2), Stevens, Salders, M. Stratton, Saunders, Alderslade, Scott, F. Cooper, Pring, Rich, E. Way, Danes, and Q. Witham, the Vicar of Newport (the Rev. W. M. B. Hogg), and Messrs. W. Guy (Vicar's warden at St. John's), Rex Tyler (people's warden and Sunday-school superintendent, boys department), W. Truscott, F. Peach, J. H. James, C. J. Cooper, F. Matthews (choir-master), S. C. Wadham, A. Chappell,

and A. Gaster. The interment was in the family grave at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and the large number of beautiful floral tributes.

Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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