

Ethel Grace Fielder Barton

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Former School Principal's Death.

The death occurred at a Ryde nursing home on Saturday, after a long and trying illness, of Miss Ethel Grace Fielder Barton, of Avalon, Watergate Road, a lady who was widely known and greatly esteemed for her work in education in the borough. Miss Barton was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Barton, of Limerstone, York Road. For some years she was an assistant to Miss Quinton at the Castle Dene Private School in the Upper High Street. When Miss Quinton left the town in 1917 she succeeded her as principal, and carried on the establishment with marked success until about 13 years ago, when the premises were required for a business extension. Since then until her health failed, she was a valued member of the staff of Westmont - Braunstone House School. An Associate of Trinity College, London, and an able pianist, she specialised in teaching the piano, but was also a skilful teacher of general subjects and a tutor whose devotion to her calling won the confidence and respect of her pupils. An outstanding quality of her teaching was her ability, by the force of her charming personality and example, to secure a very high standard of discipline and effort. Her many former pupils will remember her with affection and gratitude. Throughout her life Miss Barton had worshipped with the Community of Brethren at Holyrood Hall, where she often acted as organist. The funeral took place on Thursday, when Holyrood Hall was filled with friends and former pupils. The service was conducted by Mr. John Weston, of London, who described Miss Barton as "A sister in Christ, with whom we have had sweet fellowship and whose good influence amongst the boys and girls she taught was inestimable." Miss D. Blake, at the organ, accompanied the hymns "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds," "The Lord's my Shepherd," and "For all the saints." The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. G. Channer (brother-in-law and sister), Mesdames Lock and Child and Miss E. E. Barton (sisters), Messrs. A. and S. Barton (brothers), Mrs R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fry (nephews and nieces), and the Misses C. and E. Quinton and Mrs. C. Jolley (cousins). Westmont and Braunstone House School was represented by the principal, Mrs. Wheatley (also representing her husband, the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley), Mesdames W. G. James, Higginbotham, and Sheaf and the Misses K. Lower and Thomas (members of the staff), with Ann Trenchard and Mary Jackman (senior pupils), the Old Girls' Association by Miss Smith, and the former staff of Castledene School by Mrs. Jones and Miss Martin. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the floral tributes including one from the principal, staff, and pupils of Westmont and Braunstone House School. Messrs H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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