

James Henry Black

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Death of Mr. J. H. Black.—The death occurred on Sunday at his residence, Westminster House, of Mr. James Henry Black, aged 82, who had for many years practised as a solicitor. He was a son of Mr. F. W. Black and brother of the late Sir Frederick Black, K.C.B., Educated at Portland House Academy, he received his legal training in the office of Messrs. Roach Pittis and Co., and commenced his own practice in 1914. For some 25 years he had occupied an office next door to the head office of the County Press. He was a man of precise and regular habits, who typified the old fashioned family solicitor. In spite of the weather he was at his office only the day before his death, but had been forced to remain indoors during the worst of the cold spell, and it is probably that this break in the habit of a lifetime contributed to his end. He was a former member of the old I.W. Volunteers, a trustee of the Grammar School, and a member of the I.W. Law Society and of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. In his early day he was active in rowing, cycling, and skating, and was a secretary of the Art Classes held here. Mr. Black was a familiar figure in the town and a man of charming courtesy. Sympathy is expressed with his sister (Miss Fanny Black), with whom he lived. The funeral was on Wednesday, the service at the Parish Church being conducted by the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of Arreton). The choir, with Miss K. Lower at the organ, led the singing of the hymns “Rock of ages” and “Abide with me”, and chanted the Nuns Dimittis. In a tribute Mr. Wheatley referred to Mr. Black’s keen interest in the Grammar School.

The mourners were Miss Ediss, Mr. F. E. Whitcher, J.P., Mrs. E. W. Black (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Black, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morris, Mesdames R. Berg and P. M. Lansley, the Misses Dulcie and Dorothy Black and N. G. K. Pitman, and Messrs. W. I. B. Pitman and M. Reeve-Black (nephews and nieces), Miss A. Black (great niece), and Master B. Lansley (great nephew), Miss F. Black (sister), Lady Black (sister-in-law), and Mr. J. B. Alderslade were unable to attend. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Long, Mesdames F. E. Whitcher, Newbery (representing Mr. F. Newbery), E. Elkin, and A. Taylor, the Misses M. Scovell, F. Smith, M. Guy, and D. Black, and Messrs J. C. W. Damant and P. W. Harman (I.W. Law Society), E. A. McCullagh, Major R. J. Clarke (representing Mr. H. E. Stratton), J. P. Darch (representing Mr. F. C. G. Gurney-Champion), H. R. Palmer, W. Upward, A. C. Westmore, and W. J. Dowden (Messrs. Roach Pittis and Co.), W. D. Buckle (also representing Mr. J. G. Fardell), G. L. Adams and F. D. Hammond (Bailey and Adams), G. F. Tomlinson (Lampport, Bassitt and Hiscock), F. W. H. Cool (Gunner, Wilson and Jerome), H. B. Lower (also representing Mr. J. Love, London), W. L. Bright (representing the trustees, Newport Grammar School, and Mr. F. W. Bright), E. W. Barton (trustee, Grammar School, also representing the Old Boys’ Association), B. Webb and C. Jones (students, Newport Grammar School), C. V. Cheverton (secretary, Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows), F. Chiverton (representing Messrs. Upward and Rich), E. W. Way (also representing Mr. S. A. Watson, of Henry J. Way and Co.), T. R. Berg, H. E. Beacon, A. E. Curtis, G. H. Margham, D. W. Morris, W. J. Eldridge, W. C. Black, E. R. Dore, F. D. Cheek, R. J. Eldridge, J. D. Truscott, H. H. Osborne, E. Whiston, P. G. Jenkins, A. H. Cooke, H. W. Dooley, W. G. Barton, F. J. Wray, R. G. Morris, W. Watson, J. Baker, T. Ross-Pratt, A. H. Cross, H. Lower, J. A. Hayles, G. H. Arthur, and G. Norman, C.C. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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