

## **George Henry Brown**

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### **NEWPORT**

**DEATH OF MR. GEORGE H. BROWN.** – Widespread regret is felt at the death, which occurred on Tuesday night after a long and painful illness, of Mr. George Henry Brown, aged 62, at Brooklyn, The Mall. Mr. Brown was well known in the Island as the founder and principle of the firm of Messrs. G. H. Brown and Sons, accountants, &c., High-street, which he established nearly 20 years ago, after having held a responsible position on the staff of the late Mr. R. Roach Pittis, J.P., the well-known solicitor, in whose employ he was for many years. He was formerly prominent in temperance friendly society work as the valued and most efficient secretary of the first local tent, and later of the Isle of Wight District, of the Independent Order of Rechabites, until the increasing claims of his growing business caused him to relinquish those offices. He was a much valued member of the Wesleyan Church, with which he had a life-long connection, and he served as society steward and as trustee. His estimable personal qualities and business associations brought him a wide circle of friends, whose deepest sympathy is with the widow and children in their heavy bereavement. The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, the first part of the service being at the Wesleyan Church at 3.15, and the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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### **Funeral of Mr. G. H. Brown, of Newport.**

The funeral of Mr. George H. Brown, founder and principal of the firm of Messrs. G. H. Brown and Sons, accountants, of High-street, Newport, took place on Saturday, the first part of the service being held at the Wesleyan Church, Newport, and the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. A large and fully representative attendance from all parts of the Island testified to the great respect in which the deceased was held. The service was conducted by the Revs. A. W. Coulson and A. Sutcliffe. ...- The Rev. A. W. Coulson said if the history of that church were written in detail it would be a most interesting record of devoted and faithful service by those who had worshipped there and had left behind an abiding influence upon those with whom they had fellowship. While they were there it had been their joy and pride to serve the church because they realised that such service was acceptable unto God. In various ways, according to their individual ability and means, they consecrated themselves to the work in which, as their successors, they were now engaged. Among those who had worthily filled the place assigned to them by God, they thought that day of their dear brother Brown, who had been called to higher service. He wanted to take that opportunity of expressing their deepest sympathy with the bereaved family. Deceased was in the home the most devoted husband and a kind and loving father, and in that home the words of the Old Testament saint had been faithfully fulfilled "As for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord." Mr. Brown was also one of the most highly respected citizens of the town. His distinctive business abilities enabled him to be of service to many, and that large congregation was an indication of the high esteem in which their brother was held. He was a regular attendant in that church until prevented by illness a few months ago. He had served as society steward and a trustee of three of the churches in that circuit. For some years he had been their circuit auditor and a regular and generous contributor to the cause of foreign missions. He had always been willing to help the church as far as he was able, and he was a man of expressed temperance principles. Infinitely more important than official position was character, and their brother was a loyal and consistent Christian. They all felt that they had lost a friend, and they now thought of him as having joined the Church Triumphant. The family mourners were Mrs. G. H. Brown (widow), Messrs. Cyril G., Harold A., and Eric C. H. Brown (sons), Miss Edna C. Brown (daughter), Mr. W. S. Brown, Surbiton (brother), Mrs. W. A. Knapp (sister), Mr. W. A. Knapp, Mrs. H. A. Brown (daughter-in-law),

Mr. F. J. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heal, Mr. E. G. Medley, Mrs. Ernest Heal, Mrs. W. A. Heal, Mr. Alan Saunders, Miss Elsie Morris, Mr. T. Marsh, and Miss E. Cooke. .... [only family mourners transcribed] The deceased had held the office of District Secretary of the Independent Order of Rechabites' Friendly Society for 29 years, resigning in 1922 owing to pressure of private business. .... Mr. W. W. Wells carried out the funeral arrangements.

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