

Frank Cooper jnr

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The Late Mr. F. Cooper.- The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday of Mr. Frank Cooper, aged 63, of 44 Upper St. James's Street, a well-known stonemason and popular Odd Fellow. The younger son of the late Mr. Frank Cooper, he returned to the town, after an absence of 20 years, when his father died and joined his brother, Mr. George Cooper, in the family business at Nodehill. A skilled craftsman, he gained early experience with his father, who was also an acknowledged monumental stonemason, before joining a Dublin masonry works in 1913 where he stayed for nine years. During the next nine years he was employed by a London marble firm in Italy, returning to the Island in 1935. For 43 years Mr. Cooper was a respected member of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Odd Fellows, his kindly generosity winning him many friends. He was also an active member of the J. R. Alderslade Lodge of Past Grands and of the Committee of Management. He was in poor health for several years and was a patient at St. Mary's for nine weeks before his death. He leaves a widow and one son. The funeral service, which took place at St. Thomas's Church on Thursday, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth). The mourners were Mrs. F. Cooper (widow), Mr. F. Cooper (son), Messrs. G. and F. Cooper (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. T. Hoffman (brother-in-law and sister), Messrs. S. Warne and F. Scovell (cousins), and Messrs. B. Morris and W. Reynolds. Representatives were present from the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Odd Fellows, who also sent a wreath. Other floral tributes were sent by the staff of Messrs. F. Cooper, Messrs. Scott and Son, and Messrs. H. and F. Damp. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

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