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**DEATH OF MR. A.C. FRY**

A highly esteemed townsman, Mr. Alfred Charles Fry, passed away after about three months' illness at his residence, Eridge, Drake-road, on Tuesday, aged 74. Mr Fry, who was a native of Carisbrooke, will be remembered as the very able and devoted minister of the Evangelical Protestant community who worship in the Clifford-street Hall. He took over the ministry there 56 years ago in succession to the founder, the late Mr. Benjamin Newton. For many years he travelled to all parts of the Island as a Scripture colporteur, and for a long period the Sunday-school he conducted in Clifford-street was one of the largest in Newport, with about 250 scholars. In addition to the services at Clifford-street, Mr. Fry also conducted services for young people at Carisbrooke and in South-street. His profound knowledge of the Bible, and his unfailingly cheerful Christian witness, won him the affection of all who were brought into contact with him. During the last war Mr. Fry served as an auxiliary postman and he continued this work for some years after the war. Much sympathy is felt with his widow and only surviving son (Mr. Everitt Fry) in their bereavement. A younger son, Mr. Kenneth Fry, died three years ago while serving in the Hants Fortress Royal Engineers. The funeral will be in Carisbrooke Cemetery to-day (Saturday) at 2.45 p.m.

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**THE LATE MR. A.C. FRY**

The funeral of Mr A.C. Fry, of Eridge, Drake-road, minister of the Evangelical Protestant Church, Clifford-street, was in Carisbrooke Cemetery on Saturday. Mr. J. Burnett of Worthing, officiated at a service in the Cemetery Chapel and at the graveside. The chief mourners were Mrs. A.C. Fry (widow), Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Fry (son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs F. Fry and Mr. and Mrs. P. Fry (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Knight (sister and brother-in-law), Mrs G Fry (sister-in-law), Mrs Reynolds (niece), Mrs. Kilmartin (niece), Mr. W.R. Knight (nephew), Messrs. W. Reynolds and A. Kilmartin, Mrs. B.R Knight, Mrs. Newcombe, Mrs. Midlane, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hendicott. Others attending included Mr. and Mrs. W. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. F. Flux, the Misses Barton, B. Heal, and Alexander, Mesdames Burnett, Powell, and Quarrier, and Messrs. F.W. Lock, E. Munt, J.H. Black, W.H. Croucher, T. Beard, C. Nolan, G. Cooper, H. Payne, and F.H. Burgess. There were about 30 floral tributes. A memorial service was held in the Clifford-street-hall on Sunday conducted by Mr. G.H. Farrow.

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