

Nellie Marrian Gracey

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CAMP HILL OFFICIAL'S BEREAVEMENT

Much sympathy has been aroused with Mr. F. R. Gracey, of Sheringham House, St. John's-road, Newport, steward at the Camp Hill Borstal Institution, in the irreparable loss he sustained during the week-end by the very unexpected death of his wife, Nellie Marrian, at the early age of 53. Mrs. Gracey went to the County Hospital on Thursday week to undergo an operation which was not regarded as serious, but the trouble it was hoped to cure proved far more extensive than was anticipated, and unfortunately the patient failed to recover consciousness and passed away on Sunday morning. The deceased lady was a native of Birmingham, and had been married to Mr. Gracey for 28 years. Although she had lived at Newport only four years, Mrs. Gracey's happy nature and kindly ways had won her a large number of friends, who greatly deplore her passing. She had been an ardent worker for Methodism throughout her married life. She was a valued helper at the Quay-street church, where she was associated with Mrs. W. H. Downer in the leadership of the Girls' Guild, and an enthusiastic supporter of efforts in aid of overseas missions. Her husband is an able local preacher of the West Wight Methodist circuit.

The Funeral took place on Thursday, a service at the Quay-street Methodist Church, at which there was a large attendance of friends, being followed by the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Rev. J. Higman (Methodist supt. minister) officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Turner (chaplain at Camp Hill Borstal Institution), and Mr. W. G. Bartlett (organist) accompanied the hymns "When our heads are bowed with woe" and "Who fathoms the eternal thought?" and played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" at the close. The chief mourners were the bereaved husband, Mesdames Green and Hammond and Miss Morgan (sisters), Mrs. A. Cannings (niece) and Mr. A. Cannings. Six of the staff at Camp Hill acted as bearers, Principal Officer W. Lambden and Officers V. Yelf, C. Johnson, S. White, G. Sharpe, and A. L. Davis, and those attending including the Governor of Camp Hill (Mr. C. A. Joyce) and Mrs. Joyce, Dr. Leitch, Mr. K. Cowling, Messrs. P. Benfield and P. Leyshong, Hospital Officer Solomon, Sister Farrow and Officer Mould (Camp Hill staff), Messrs. A. Odell and E. J. White, Capt. W. Farmer and G. J. Blandford, Hospital Chief Officer A. H. Shaw, M.B.E., and Principal Officer W. G. French (Parkhurst Prison Staff), six members of Quay-street Methodist Girl's Guild, the Rev. J. Franklin, the Rev. J. and Mrs. Hodgson (Cowes), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Downer, Capt. and Mrs. Carter (Cowes), Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Scott, Mr. and Miss Scott, Mrs. Edward Morris and the Misses Morris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Layley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spanner, Mr. and Mrs. A. James, Mr. and Mrs. A. Elderfield, Mr. and Mrs. S. Porter, Mr. T. and Miss Flux (Marks Corner), Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hennings, Mesdames G. N. Rogers, C. H. New, C. Fallick, sen. and jun., C Hayward, Hillman, French, Benfield, Brown, Ashby, Webb, Poe, Daish, W. C. Smith, Hayward, Perry

(representing her husband, Mr. H. H. Perry, of Northwood), Twomey, and Richards, the Misses Young, Cave, Gill-Martin, Cooper, and Alderslade, and Messrs. P. J. Croucher, G. Higman, C. J. and W. H. Sheath, C. Wyatt, R. Morris (Billingham), W. J. and D Lower, E. J. Kemp, E. Railey, M. Cheek, and J. Wadham (Wooton). Mr. W. W. Wells made the arrangements.

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