

Louisa Greenfield

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CARISBROOKE

PASSING OF MRS. J. H. GREENFIELD. – It is with regret that we record the death of a highly respected resident that of Mrs. Louisa Greenfield, who died at her residence, The Mount, on Sunday at the age of 84. It was well over 60 years ago that Mrs. Greenfield, as Miss Ledger, became head mistress of the girls' department at the old National School (now used as the Sunday-school), and it was here that she met her husband, the late Mr. J. H. Greenfield, who was then head master in the boys' department. She accompanied him when acceptance of an appointment as schoolmaster at Woking prison took him from the Island, and they subsequently moved to Chatham, Portland and Parkhurst, where Mr. Greenfield retired in 1910, and settled down again in the village. Many happy associations were revived when in 1927 Carisbrooke School celebrated its jubilee. Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield were the guests of honour on three occasions, being entertained by the school staff on March 11th in that year (the actual date of the jubilee), and at the reunion of old scholars in the following June, while a few weeks later they were the recipients of photographs taken at the reunion, together with an illuminated address and an album containing the signatures of a large number of old scholars. The deceased lady kept in touch with many of her old pupils, who, even in later life, would often go to her for help and advice, which was always readily given. One old pupil, speaking of her life and example, said "Nothing you could say would be too good for her." Another of her characteristics was her unfailing punctuality, a virtue which she strove to impress on all pupils. Since she became settled at Carisbrooke she had, with her late husband, taken a keen and practical interest in local affairs, particularly in church work, in the horticultural shows, and in the Nursing Association, although latterly advancing years had somewhat curtailed her activities. Her death, after four months' illness, came almost exactly two years after that of her husband. The funeral was on Thursday, the first part of the service being at the Parish Church, where the Rev. H. Ewbank (Vicar), who officiated, paid eloquent tribute to her life of service in the parish. The mourners were Mr. Percy Greenfield, of Warlingham (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ledger, of Canterbury (brother-in-law), Miss Rowcraft, Nurse Preston, and Miss Eddis. There was also a large gathering of her local friends. The interment was in a grave next to that of her husband at the Carisbrooke Cemetery.

- Mr. P. Greenfield desires gratefully to acknowledge the devoted attention given to his mother by her doctor and nurses.

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