

Bathsheba Greengrass

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DEATH OF MISS B. GREENGRASS, OF NEWPORT.

One of Newport's best known and most highly respected residents was removed by the death on Tuesday, at 60 Lugley-street, of Miss Bathsheba Greengrass. The deceased lady, who was in her 74th year, was best known by reason of her long connection with the old-established business of newsagent and stationer at 100 High-street. It was established by her father (the late Mr. Henry Greengrass), a Suffolk man, and Miss Greengrass had been in control since 1899. She had for many years been one of the local agents for the County Press, and she was also the principal local agent for daily newspapers. The deceased lady was of a quiet and retiring disposition, but her purse was readily opened in the sacred cause of charity, it being said by those who knew her intimately that no one ever appealed to her in vain. She was a member of the Quay-street Methodist Church where she was a regular worshipper until ill-health prevented her attendance. Her kindly and generous disposition naturally won her a wide circle of friends, and her keen loss will be mourned by many.

The funeral service was held in the Quay-street Methodist Church, Newport, yesterday (Friday), the Revs. Dr. W. H. Mildon and W. T. Haddy (a former minister) officiating. Prior to the arrival of the cortege the organist (Mr. W. G. Bartlett) played "Cast thy burden upon the Lord" and at the close "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn). The mourners were Miss K. Cooper, Mrs. W. T. Haddy, Mr. A. Cowell, Mr. H. Palmer, Mr. H. E. Nichols, Mrs. E. Sadler, Miss I. Salter, Miss P. Peach, Mrs. Appel, Mr. W. F. Yelf, Miss Yelf, Mrs. Rawlance, Miss Chessell, Mrs. Barlow, Mr. E. Callaghan, Mr. Knight, Mr. F. W. Burton, Mr. Tigwell, Mr. G. E. Pray, Mr. T. Toogood, and Mrs. Denis. Amongst those also present were Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller, the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Clark Lewis, Mesdames W. Comer, Truscott, Buckler, E. Morris, Butchers, C. H. New, and Downer, Miss Downer, and Miss Cooke, and Messrs. G. R. Barrett (representing the County Press), A. J. Williams (chairman), and P. W. Bagwell (secretary), of Ventnor (representing the I.W. branch of the National Federation of Newsagents), G. H. Dunford, E. White, W. G. Bartlett (representing Messrs. W. C. Black and Co.), H. Cooper (Carisbrooke), H. R. Palmer, E. R. Dore, C.C., I. W. Pitman, Butchers, G. Reynolds, and W. G. Cooper. The hymns sung were "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "Rock of ages." The Rev. W. T. Haddy gave the address. He said that it seemed a strange experience to him to lift up his voice again in public, as for 16 months he had not been able to do so. That was the first time since the passing of that period that he had taken a memorial service. It was very gratifying to be once more associated with their esteemed minister. He (the speaker) had never had a more faithful friend. Now that Mr. Mildon was drawing towards the close of his successful ministry there he wished him God speed. Referring to the deceased Mr. Haddy said they all thought very kindly of her in many ways. It had fallen to the lot of some of them to have had the happy experience of knowing her very well. Speaking from 10 years' intimate friendship he could testify that she was a woman of most excellent qualities and of lovable disposition. She was kind and many delightful expressions had been uttered concerning her goodness of heart. Friends had spoken of her loyalty and unselfishness, and they could use those terms of her because they knew she was an

estimable woman. She loved the best literature and could converse most intelligently on every question of the day. She started in a small way of business and gradually built up a flourishing concern, but success did not spoil her, and she always remained one of the most affectionate and humble friends. She was gentle, unostentatious, and generous. She loved the church and was beautiful in her devotion to the Lord. Her father and mother were members of that church, and from the earliest days of her girlhood she attended the services and had had a life-long connection with it and a warm place in their hearts. Everyone in need could appeal to her with the certainty of a gracious response. They gave God thanks for all she did and for the beautiful example she set. The interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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Newport Newsagent Leaves £13, 000

GENEROUS BEQUESTS TO EMPLOYEES.

Miss Bathsheba Greengrass, of 60 Lugley-street, Newport, proprietor of the old-established newsagents' business next to the Post Office, who died on July 31st last, left estate of the gross value of £13, 651 19s. 1d., with net personalty £8659 9s. 11d.

Probate of her will, dated June 30th last, has been granted to Herbert Richard Palmer, of 64 Lugley-street, Newport, and Harold Ernest Nichols, of Rocklands Cottage, St. Lawrence.

She left £200 to Harold Ernest Nichols; £400 to her friend Annie Haddy; £20 to her day nurse, Frances Rawlance; £50 to her night nurse, Jane Appel; £30 to her assistant, Mrs. Sadler; £30 to each other assistant in her shop; £50 to the Quay-street Methodist Chapel; a house at Cowes and £1 a week to her former accountant, William Alfred Cowell; her residence and £1 a week to her friend Kathleen Cooper, with the injunction "I expressly request her to care for my cats during their lives"; £100 to the Newport Nursing Association; £1 a week to her housekeeper, May Chessell; and the residue of the property is to be divided equally between Kathleen Cooper, Harold Ernest Nichols, and William Alfred Cowell. Miss Greengrass carried on the business for many years in association with her father, who established it.

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