

Montague Reginald Jones

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Beloved Head Master's Death.—His many friends, including a wide circle of former associates and scholars, will learn with deep regret of the sudden death at his home, 7 Albany Road, on Friday week, of Mr. Montague Reginald Jones, who devoted his life to teaching, and who enjoyed the esteem and affection of all who had known him. Born at Ryde, he was educated at St. John's Road School, where, from being a senior scholar, he became a pupil teacher. For a time he was at Player Street School and then was head master at Bettsworth Road School and in 1922 was appointed head master of Parkhurst School, which position he held for 17 years until his retirement. However, he did not completely sever his connection with the school, taking on the responsibility of Secondary School admission examinations at the school. Mr. Jones was presented with a chiming clock by the scholars when he retired. In recent years, because teaching was his life, he assisted at St. Andrew's Sunday-school. Mr. Jones was an exceedingly popular man and loved for his kindly nature. He was regarded as "Mr. Chips to the life". Since his retirement, he had countless visits from former scholars and he had a wonderful memory for faces. He leaves a widow and one son, having lost a son and daughter. The Vicar (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie) officiated at the funeral at St. Andrew's Church and Carisbrooke Cemetery on Monday, when the immediate mourners were Mrs. F. L. Jones (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jones (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. F. Blackman (sister), Mrs. J. Jones (daughter-in-law), Miss R. Blackman (niece), Mrs. M. A. Cantelo, and Mr. E. C. Pearson, T.C. Among those attending the service were Miss Postlewhite and Mrs. Drudge (representing Parkhurst County School). The many floral tributes included those from past and present pupils of Parkhurst School, teachers of Parkhurst School, and neighbours.

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