

## **Henry William Morey**

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### **DEATH OF MR H. W. MOREY, OF NEWPORT.**

We record with much regret the death, which occurred on Tuesday morning, at his residence, The Mall, Newport, of Mr. Henry William Morey, head of the well-known firm of timber merchants, Messrs. H. W. Morey and Son, and a much-esteemed public man of Newport. The late Mr. Morey, who was 59 years of age, had enjoyed good health throughout his life until recently. Three weeks ago symptoms of a grave internal malady began to show themselves, and deceased rapidly became seriously ill. A critical operation was imperative, if life was to be prolonged, and deceased underwent this operation on Sunday afternoon, a London specialist attending with the local attendants for the purpose. This revealed conditions which, although temporarily relieved by the operation, gave rise to the gravest apprehensions. On Monday morning the patient, who bore his affliction with remarkable courage and fortitude, was reported to be in a very critical condition and though he slightly improved in the afternoon he experienced a very restless night, and on Tuesday morning he gradually sank and passed peacefully to his long rest at 10.20.

Though it was not till about six years before his death that he became a member of the Newport Town Council, the late Mr. Morey was very active throughout his life in good work of a semi-public character for the benefit of those amongst whom he delighted to labour. Particularly was the case in connection with the Congregational Church, in the Sunday-School of which he was a devoted teacher till the end, and by his death that church in particular, and Nonconformity in the town generally, has sustained a heavy loss. He was a deacon and treasurer of the Congregational Church, and one of the founders of the successful P.S.A. Society, of which he was treasurer. He was also one of the oldest members of the Newport Literary Society, which has lost another valued vice-president and friend by his death. Coupled with his devotion to the education of the young was his desire to promote thrift, and in connection with the Penny Bank in South-street, as well as in other ways, his energies in the direction for many years found scope for much useful service. He was a vice-president and enthusiastic supporter of the I.W. Photographic Society, and a vice-president of most of the sports clubs of the town, having an earnest desire to promote healthy and manly recreation. Friendly society work likewise found him an ardent supporter, and he showed a special interest in the annual hospital effort made by those societies. In 1903 Mr Morey was elected for the first a member of the Town Council as a representative of the North Ward, and in that capacity his marked business ability proved of great assistance to the Corporation in the discharge of their duties, and he was for some time an admirable chairman of the Building Plans Committee. He severed with great devotion and acceptance as Deputy Mayor during the Mayoralty of Mr. Harry Shepard in 1905-6, and he was prominently mentioned as the probable successor of that gentleman in the Chief Magistracy in November, 1906, but the rout of his party at the poll on the first of that month prevented the realisation of the hopes of his supporters in that direction. Mr Morey continued his very useful membership of the Council until November last, when as the only one of the out going members of the Liberal party who sought re-election, he was unsuccessful in his candidature. There can be no doubt that had his life been spared he would again have returned to the Council and attained to the highest civic position in the borough. But alas! It was not to be. During his membership of the Council Mr. Morey was elected a member of the Borough Education Committee, where he did good service and was vice-chairman of that body for one year, as well as chairman of the School Attendance Sub-Committee. In regard to party politics, Mr Morey was a thorough-going Liberal, and his loss will be keenly felt by his party. He was recently elected president of the Newport and District Liberal Association, whose representative he was on the Isle of Wight Liberal Union. Of a

reserved and retiring nature, Mr. Morey won great respect by his high character and frank out-spokenness in public discussions, although his views did not always command general support, whilst in private life he made many friends by his personal excellencies, and those friends, as well as Newportonians generally and many in all parts of the Island, will desire to join in a sincere expression of sympathy and condolence with the widow, daughter, and other relatives in there irreparable loss.

The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, the first part of the service being at the Congregational Church, Newport, at 2.30 p.m., and the internment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

At a meeting of the executive of the Newport Liberal Association, on Thursday evening, under the Presidency of Mr. Leonard Jordan, the Chairman made feeling reference to the great loss which the Association and the Liberal cause had sustained by the death of their esteemed and valued president, and moved a resolution expressing their deep regret and sincere sympathy with the bereaved family. Mr. T. H. Midlane seconded the resolution, which was supported by the others and carried in silence, the members rising. The flag at the Liberal Club has been at half-mast since the death of Mr. Morey, who was a member of the Club

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