

William Henry Upward

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NEWPORT.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. UPWARD. – We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Henry Upward, aged 85, the eldest son of the late Mr. Edwin Upward, who was the official stamp distributor for the Island some 50 years ago, which occurred at his residence 125 Carisbrooke-road, on Saturday. The deceased, who was the head of the printing firm of Messrs. W. H. Upward and Sons, 125a High-street, had carried on the business for over 60 years and was actively identified with it until about a year ago, when failing health compelled his retirement. He married Miss Alabone, the eldest and now only surviving daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Alabone, who in 1864 was appointed Dentist in Ordinary to H.M. Queen Victoria's household at Osborne, and in this capacity attended King Edward, the late Princess Royal, and King George. The marriage took place on February 29th at the Congregational Church, Newport, 60 years ago, the Rev. Joseph Bainton (pastor) officiating. A pathetic incident connected with the demise of Mr. Upward is that both he and his wife, who are natives of the town, were eagerly anticipating the celebration of their diamond wedding on Monday next. Their golden wedding was celebrated by a family gathering in 1922. The deceased had a long and active connection with the Congregational Church and his services were highly valued. There were seven children – five sons and two daughters. The Rev. Bernard Upward, the eldest son, who is the minister of the Castle-street Congregational Church, Reading, was for over 20 years a missionary in China and at one time held a responsible position on the staff of the Griffith John College, Hankow. The funeral took place on Wednesday, a service being held at the Congregational Church preceding the interment at Carisbrooke. The Rev. D. Hendy Davies, who officiated, paid a high tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Upward's long and helpful association with the church, to Mr. Upward's many estimable qualities, notable among which was his quiet dignity, and expressed sympathy with the family, particularly with the widow in the loss of a devoted husband who had fully shared her joys and sorrows in the home for the long period of 60 years. He mentioned that at a recent church meeting congratulations were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Upward in anticipation of the happy and rare anniversary which would have been celebrated on February 29th. ... Mr. Upward's sons, the Rev. Bernard Upward and Messrs. E. F., E. A., and W. H. Upward were prevented from attending by indisposition. The chief mourners were Messrs. L. G. Upward (son), B. Upward (grandson), A. Alabone (brother-in-law), W. Rose and F. Scovell (sons-in-law), the Misses W. and N. Upward (grand-daughters), and Mr. A. G. Harrison. Among those also attending were Dr. A. C. Goodwin, T.D., Mrs. C. Hibbard, Mrs. J. H. Flux, Miss Morgan, Miss Upton, Mrs. A. J. Snellgrove, the Misses Wheeler, Mesdames H. Wheeler, Johnson, and G. Jolliffe, Mr. F. Baker (representing the I.W. Liberal Association), Miss Biles (representing Mr. C. H. Biles), Mr. G. Yelf (representing his father, Mr. Frank Yelf), Alderman F. E. Whitcher, J.P., A. E. Harvey, J.P., and H. M. Williams, J.P., Mr. G. A. Brannon and Major C. W. Brannon, M.C., T.D. (managing director and deputy manager of the I.W. County Press Co.), and Messrs. L. Jordan, J.P., R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., W. Blake, J.P., B. Sanders, C.C., J. Dulton, J. H. Black, W. Upward, A. Scott, and C. H. Cowdery. ... Messrs. W. Urry and Son were the undertakers.