

William George Whittington

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MR. W. G. WHITTINGTON.- The death took place at his residence in Upper High-street on Sunday morning, after only about a week's serious illness, of Mr. William George Whittington, greengrocer, fruiterer, and florist, a much esteemed tradesman, sportsman, and worker in connection with the St. John's Men's Bible Class. Mr. Whittington, who was 70, had not enjoyed good health since he had an attack of pneumonia about two years ago, and a recurrence of that complaint proved fatal. A member of a well known Ryde family, he came to Newport as assistant to Mr. F. H. Bevis about 35 years ago, and a few years later commenced in business on his own account at Banana House in the High-street. In his early days he was a prominent runner in the Ryde Harriers and a billiard and draughts player of local repute, and on moving to Newport he took a keen interest in the St. John's Athletic Club, which he ably served as hon. secretary for some years. This led to his association with the Bible Class, of which he had been the hon. treasurer for 21 years, also rendering valued help in securing speakers for the meetings on Sundays. By a pathetic coincidence his only surviving sister, Mrs. Thompson, of Ryde, passed away during his illness, and his condition was so critical that he was not told of her death. He leaves a widow, three daughters and one son, with whom sincere sympathy is felt. One daughter, Mrs. English, formerly well known in local musical circles as a pianist, is in South Africa. The funeral took place on Thursday, a service being held at St. John's Church and the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. At the church service the Revs. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar) and W. J. F. Wayet (rector of Gatcombe), president and vice-president respectively of the St. John's Men's Bible Class, officiated. Mr. Herbert Lower (hon. secretary of the Bible Class) read the lesson, and Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M., (organist), accompanied the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Abide with me," and played "O rest in the Lord" at the close. The Vicar officiated at the committal. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. Whittington (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Earley (daughter and son-in-law), Miss Freda Whittington (daughter), Mrs. and Miss Dore, Ryde (cousins), and the Messrs. A. J. Williams and H. Lower. The St. John's Bible Class were represented by the following: Messrs. James Eldridge (leader), F. W. Lock (vice-president), A. J. Taylor (registrar), H. B. Lower (organist), W. G. Sibbick, W. J. and A. C. Early, H. Morris (hon. secretary of the Athletic Club). S. Elliott, F. W. Pullinger, W. Hayles, G. Jones (also representing his brother, the Rev. F. E. Jones), A. Geary, J. Sloper, A. Knight, W. Matthews, E. Wragg, W. R. Arkless, G. Linington, G. Gray, and W. Matthews; the Hampshire Friendly Society, of which Mr. Whittington was a member, by Messrs. E. J. Kemp (agent), A. G. Cuthbert, G. H. Holbrook, and E. A. Huck; and others attending included Mesdames W. H. Saunders, R. Scott, H. Matthews, Early, Read, and Stone, the Misses Warne, Early and E. Dore, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bessant, and Messrs. R. J. Eldridge, E. G. Barnes, C. C. Cursons (Totland Bay), W. Rodway, C. V. Cheverton, C. H. Cowdery, F. Chiverton, T.C. (deputy-Mayor), W. G. Cutmore, F. Chiverton (leader St. Thomas's Young Men's Bible Class), H. Pullinger, R. H. Harvey (Cowes), H. W. Horan, E. R. Dore, C.C., A. H. Downer, H. Newnham (Gatcombe), and H. Scott. Mr. E. A. Walmsley was unavoidably prevented from attending. - Mr. C. Langdon, of Ryde, made the arrangements.

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