

Coryndon Colling

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DEATH AT NEWPORT OF MR. CORYNDON COLLING.

Very regretfully we record to-day the death of Mr. Coryndon Colling, which took place at his residence, the Bank House, St. James`s-square, Newport, on Wednesday morning last, at the age of 57. Some seven years ago the lamented deceased was appointed to the managership of the Newport branch of the National Provincial Bank, in succession to the late Mr. W. Pearce, and he filled that position in a manner which commanded for him the esteem and the confidence of all who came into contact with him. His public appointments included that of County Treasurer, which brought him into close communication with our leading Island body, and he was also treasurer to the Corporation of Newport. In private life he was held in warm regard by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. A native of Okehampton, he was a member of an old and highly-respected Devonshire family. He took a great interest---as also did Mrs. Colling---in the formation of the Society of Devonians in the Isle of Wight. He was its first president, and on the occasion of his retirement from that position he was presented with a handsome gold jewel in recognition of his services in the successful inauguration of the society. He was a perfect storehouse of Devonshire lore, and it was a delightful experience for his hearers when he drew upon his fine memory and told stories and gave recitations in the dialect of his dear native county. He had been in failing health for some time, but it was not until quite recently that the serious symptoms developed, and the intelligence of his death came somewhat as a surprise to the many friends who are mourning his departure from their midst. To the devoted wife, who is left with two young boys, the loss is, of course, irreparable, but we hope she may find some solace in the knowledge that the deepest sympathy of the whole community is with her in her sorrow. As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Borough Treasurer the flag at Newport Guildhall has been flying at half-mast during the week. The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday) at noon, the body being first taken to St. Thomas`s Church, the interment following at Newport Cemetery.

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FUNERAL AT NEWPORT OF MR. CORYNDON COLLING.

The funeral took place at Newport on Saturday last, amid general signs of sorrow and sympathy, of Mr. Coryndon Colling, the esteemed manager for the past seven years of the Newport branch of the National Provincial Bank, the County and Newport Borough

Treasurer, and the first president of the Society of Devonians in the Isle of Wight, whose lamented death at the age of 57 was recorded in our last issue. The first part of the service was held at the Newport Parish Church, where there was a large and representative congregation, testifying to the great esteem in which the deceased was held, and the interment was at Newport Cemetery. The family mourners were Mrs. Colling (widow) and her two boys, "Sonnie" and "Jock", Mr. Bertie Griffiths (nephew), Miss Colling (sister), Mr. G. [?] (Southampton), Mrs. Gilbert Griffiths (sister), Mrs. Sydney George Smith (Southsea), Mrs. W. E. Griffiths (sister), Dr. McKay, Mr. John Carr, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Charles L. Conacher, and Nurse Blyfield. The Mayor (Ald. W. J. Whittington, J.P.), wearing his chain of office tied with crepe, and members and officials of the Corporation also attended, the civic procession being headed by Town-Sergeant Osborn and P.S. Hawkins, bearing the borough maces draped with crepe. With the Mayor walked the Deputy Mayor (Ald. Francis Pittis, J.P.), and those following were Ald. R. B. Cheverton, J.P., Mr. Councillor Harry Shepard (ex-Mayor), Ald. G. D. Rich, Councillors Major C. Mackenzie Edwards, C. Webb, F. Morgan, A. W. Abraham, G. H. Yelf, and J. C. Millgate, and Messrs. T. Ross Pratt (Town Clerk), J. Eldridge (Clerk of the Borough Justices), E. F. King, W. C. Black (borough auditors), C. Steel (Financial Clerk), R. H. Waldon (borough surveyor), C. T. Allee (rate collector), J. W. Way (waterworks superintendent), and W. Jukes. The County Council was represented by Ald. J. Thomas, J.P. (vice-chairman), and Councillors E. Chatfeild-Clarke, J.P. (chairman of the Finance Committee), T. A. Wright, W. Flux, and [?] Hobbs, J. Dufton (Clerk), C. E. Nobbs (Deputy Clerk and county accountant), and J. H. Green (Clerk to the Committee of Visitors to the County Asylum). The Society of Devonians in the Isle of Wight, of which deceased was a vice-president at the time of his death, was represented by Mr. K. Stewart-Sarun, J.P. (president), Dr. Coombs, J.P. (vice-president), Rev. J. Vicars (rector of Calbourne), Messrs. Robert Bullen, J.P., A. Gill-Martin, C.C., T.C., A. G. Bird, Turner (Ryde), A. H. Stokes, Hudson, and W. Ormsby Rymer (hon. sec.). Those also present were the Mayoress of Newport (Mrs. W. J. Whittington), Mrs. H. Edmund Sharpe, Mr. J. L. Graham and Mr. W. H. Curtis (of the staff at the National Provincial Bank), Dr. John Miles, F.R.S., Mr. F. A. Joyce (Deputy Coroner of the Island), Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., Mr. R. Roach Pittis, J.P., Mr. R. L. McMaster (manager of the Newport branch of the London and County Bank), Mr. Talbot C. V. Shortland (manager of the Newport branch of the Capital and Counties Bank), Mr. J. W. Stanley, J.P., Mr. B. Vibert, J.P., Mr. Robert Urry, Mr. M. M. Beckingsale, Mr. J. H. Heal, Mr. W. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brannon and Miss Brannon, Mr. W. G. Young, Mr. C. D. Vibert (headmaster of the Newport Grammar school), Mrs. Pearce, Capt. Hills, Mr. T. Lee, Mr. Good, Mr. Tullidge, Mr. A. W. Drew, Mr. L. Hills, Mr. H. R. Hills, Mr. J. Mearman, Mr. H. Cawley Way, Mr. L. Matheson, Mr. T. A. Brearley, Mr. T. R. Tilling, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wavell, Mr. Frank Barton, Mr. Edward W. Way, Mr. Arthur Wood, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Stanley Wadham, Mr. Edward Morris, Mr. G. H. Duke, Mr. Frank King, Mr. T. B. O'flahertie, and others. Before the arrival of the cortege at the church the organist (Mr. Harry Cushing, A.R.C.O.) played "O rest in the Lord" and "Angels, ever bright and fair." The cortege was met at the west door by the Vicar (Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe) and the Rev.

A. H. C. Edlin (military chaplain at Parkhurst). The Vicar read the opening sentences, the funeral Psalm was chanted, the Rev. A. H. C. Edlin impressively read the lesson, and the Vicar concluded the service at the church, Chopin's "Marche Funibre" being played by the organist as the body was borne down the nave. The service at the grave was conducted by the Vicar and Mr. Edlin. The polished elm coffin bore the inscription : "Coryndon Colling, born January 27th, 1850, died July 10th, 1907." Mr. C. Webb carried out the funeral arrangements.

At a meeting of the members of the Newport Corporation prior to the funeral the Mayor said they were met to follow to their last resting place the mortal remains of their esteemed friend and late Treasurer, Mr. Colling, whose death they all very much deplored. Those of them who knew him intimately would miss in many ways one who had made many friends. By his death the poor had lost a friend who was generous and kind-hearted. Their deep sympathy went out to the widow and her two boys in their irreparable bereavement, and he proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Colling expressing their deep regret at the loss of one who was not only a devoted and loving husband and father but a true and dear friend (hear, hear). The Deputy Mayor (Ald. Francis Pittis, J.P.) feelingly seconded the resolution, which was carried in silence, the members rising.

A letter of sincere sympathy and condolence was also sent by the Society of Devonians in the Island.

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