

**Charles Henry Richards**

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**DEATH OF WELL KNOWN BLACKSMITH**

The death occurred on New Year's Eve at his residence, 6 Town-Lane, of Mr. Charles Henry Richards, aged 81. Born at Niton, Mr. Richards served his apprenticeship at Shanklin, and was well known throughout the Island as a blacksmith. For many years he had been a member of the Salvation Army, and in earlier days was an active member of the P.S.A. The funeral service was on Thursday in the Victoria Methodist Church, Pyle-street, the Rev. H.M. Jackson officiating. The hymns "Nearer, my God to Thee" and "Rock of Ages" were sung, and as the cortège left the church "O rest in the Lord" was played.

The mourners were Messrs. C.H., H.W., F., A.E., J., A., W., and A. Richards (sons), Mrs. A. Houghton and Miss D. Richards (daughters), Mesdames A., Daisy., L., and Dorrie Richards (daughters-in-law), Mr. V. Richards and Miss J. Richards (grandchildren), Messrs. S. Smith and T. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, and Mrs. J. Beggs. The interment was at Newport Cemetery, the arrangements being made by Messrs. O.C. Hamilton and Son.

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