

## **Hugh Donald Spencer**

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### **NEWPORT**

**DEATH OF AN ISLAND MISSIONARY.**- Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. M. W. Spencer, of this town, on the death of her son, Rev. Donald Spencer, who only a year ago left England for Belize, British Honduras, to undertake the work of a Wesleyan missionary. He was a student at Richmond College when he volunteered for work in British Honduras, which is by no means one of the healthiest stations, fever being prevalent there. The sad news came in the form of a cablegram to the Mission House in London, and it was first conveyed to the Rev. W. H. Spencer at Torquay (formerly resident Wesleyan minister at Cowes), the eldest brother of the deceased. The late Rev. Donald Spencer was only 26 years of age, and he was the youngest but one of seven sons, four of whom are associated with the Wesleyan Church, either as ministers or missionaries. Details of the sad event have not yet reached this country.

**Isle of Wight County Press - 14 December 1912**

### **NEWPORT**

**THE LATE REV. DONALD SPENCER.**- A memorial service for Rev. Donald Spencer, the young missionary son of Mrs. W. W. Spencer, of this town, who recently died in Honduras after a year's labours in the mission-field there, was held at the Wesleyan Church on Thursday. The Rev. R. Carvosso Spencer (circuit superintendent) read the funeral lesson and a touching address was given by the Rev. A. S. Geden, M.A., D.D., professor at Richmond Theological College, where deceased was when he volunteered for work at Honduras, who bore touching testimony to the deceased's independence of character. He mentioned that after the arrival of the telegram announcing his death there came home a letter written by him. Their prayers and sympathy would go out to her who gave him so freely to missionary-work, one of a band of missionary brothers. The best way in which they could show their love was seeing that the work which Donald Spencer did was carried on. Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier presided at the organ and played "But the Lord is mindful" at the commencement and "O rest in the Lord" at the close.

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