

## John William Soulsbury Stanley

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### NEWPORT

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN W. S. STANLEY, J.P.**-We record with deep regret the death on Saturday, at his residence, Gainsborough, Shide-cross, of Mr. John W. S. Stanley, J.P., who for some 40 years had been a member of the well known firm of Messrs. Jordan and Stanley, and prominently associated with the commercial and educational work of the borough during the greater part of that period. The deceased, who was 67 years of age, had been in failing health for about two years, although few knew of the fact until his last illness set in a few weeks ago, as, with characteristic courage, he persevered in the discharge of his public duties and his private business until practically the last. He came to Newport over four decades ago, and first became a partner with the late Mr. Samuel Jordan, J.P., and for 25 years he had been associated with Mr. Leonard Jordan, J.P., in their firm, and his marked business ability materially helped its successful development. He was one of the founders, and a former chairman, of the I.W. Chamber of Commerce, and a prominent supporter of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society. Some years ago he was keen in the advocacy of the establishment of a butter and bacon factory in the centre of the Island, whilst for many years he was one of the judges of the butter competitions at the Agricultural Show. Although his ambition to become a member of the Town Council was not gratified, he found full scope for what was to him very congenial work in promoting the advancement of education in the borough as a member and former chairman of the Education Committee, as a manager of the National Schools, in the rebuilding of which he was so keenly interested, and as a member of the Newport Charity Trustees, administering the Grammar School. He was a valued supporter all through of St. Thomas's Church, having been people's warden, in association with the late Mr. Frank Weeks, as far back as the vicariate of the late Dean Connor. He was also a member of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons of many years standing. By his death the Royal I.W. County Hospital has lost one of its most ardent and whole-hearted Newport supporters, and a life governor, and a member of the Executive Committee, whose help was as invaluable as it was constant. He lost his first wife by death some 12 years ago, and several years after married Miss E. Walden, a well-known talented vocalist, with whom much sympathy is felt in her bereavement. The late Mr. Stanley had for some time been the chairman of Messrs. Shepard, Bros., Ltd. At a meeting of borough magistrates on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. S. C. Wadham), the following resolution was passed: "That the Newport Borough Justices desire to express to Mrs. Stanley their sincere sympathy and condolences, and to record their deep sense of the loss which the Bench has sustained by the lamented death of their late colleague, Mr. J. W. S. Stanley, J.P."

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, when signs of sorrow and respect were general. There was a representative attendance at the Parish Church, where the first part of the service was held. The mourners were Mr. R. H. Walden, Mr. Walden, junior, Mr. Leonard Jordan, J.P., Mr. A. F. Shepard, Mr. James Eldridge, and Mr. B. Urry. Those also present were the Revs. R. Sirhowy Jones (Education Committee), the Rev. J. Ruddle, the Mayor (Mr. S. C. Wadham), Ald. F. Templeman Mew, J.P., Mr. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., Ald. W. J. Whittington, J.P., Messrs. James Thomas, J.P., E. Morris, J.P., H. Shepard, J.P., and A. J. Snellgrove, J.P., Ald. F. E. Witcher (ex-mayor), Ald. C. Webb (Grammar School trustees), Mr. G. F. Quinton, T.C. (chairman), Mr. C. Steel, T.C., and Mr. F. D. Shields (clerk) of the Education Committee; the Albany Lodge of Freemasons was represented by Bro. Stanley Wadham, W.M., Bro. Ernest Kime, S.W., Bro. The Rev. W. H. Mackinnon, M.A. (chaplain), W. Bros. Fred Morgan, D. S. Pring, G. A. Brannon, H. W. Horan, Frank King, E. F. King, W. Lyon Bright, Ernest F. Wray, F. Burton, W. C. Black, and F. Churchouse (past masters), and Bros. T. R. Tilling, F. Yelf, T. Ross

Pratt, F. J. Wray, E. O. White, J. L. Mitchell, G. R. Newcombe, and H. W. Lincoln. The Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, of which deceased was an honorary member, was represented by Bros. A. Scott, P.P.G.M., G. H. Dunford, P.G., G. J. D. Hazard, P.G., T. P. Whiston, P.G. (assistant secretary), and Charles Steel (permanent secretary); the staffs of Messrs. Jordan and Stanley at Newport and Totland, including Mr. H. Marfleet, the manager at the latter place.

The officiating clergy were the Revs. C. H. Thompson (vicar of Newport), W. H. Mackinnon (vicar of St. John's), and Miles Atkinson (vicar of St. Paul's). The hymns "Jesu, lover of my soul" and "Rock of ages" were sung, and Chopin's "March Funebre" was played as the cortege left. The interment took place at Newport Cemetery. Those sending floral tributes included the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, the Central Habitation of the Primrose League, the staffs of the National Schools, and the staffs of Messrs. Jordan and Stanley. Mr. Robey F. Eldridge was unavoidably prevented from attending the magistrates' meeting and funeral.

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