

William Henry Bishop

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NEWPORT

A Boat Builder's Passing.- Mr. William Henry Bishop, boat builder, of the Odessa Yard, who resided at 9 Hillside-road, died suddenly in bed at his residence on Wednesday morning at 70 years of age. He was a familiar figure in the town, and was known and respected by many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Bishop was a native of Poole, and came to live in Cowes, where his father was a shipwright at a very early age. Between 50 and 60 years ago his father founded at Newport the shipbuilding and repairing business which his son continued with ability and success. Many vessels were completed in the yard, and the firm was known for its good workmanship. Messrs. Croucher's motor vessel Whip, launched in 1921 after being built in a field beside the river, is likely to continue for many years its heavy work of transporting goods between the Island and the mainland, and will be a long lasting tribute to the firm's work. another business activity of the deceased was that of director of the Newport Motor Marine Co., started about 1920, and working in connection with Mr. Bishop's own business. As a tribute to his personal charm and his business activities, flags on all the vessels in the harbour were flown at half mast on the days immediately following his death. Mr. Bishop, with his father, was a founder member of the St. John's Church Bible-class, and on going to live in the south eastern-part of the town he became associated with St. Paul's Church, where he was for many years a sidesman and a member of the Brotherhood and Church Council. His passing, which followed a long period of failing health, is deeply mourned by his wife, son, and two daughters. The funeral service is taking place this (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Paul's, Barton.

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NEWPORT BOATBUILDER'S FUNERAL.

There was a large gathering in St. Paul's Church, Newport, on Saturday, to pay their last tribute to Mr. William Henry Bishop, of 9 Hillside-road, Newport, a well known and highly respected boatbuilder and business man, whose sudden death was reported last week. The attendance included representatives of the organisations connected with St. Paul's Church and of the business life of the town. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. G. Kelsey (vicar), and Mr. L. E. Dore (organist) played suitable music and accompanied the singing of the hymns "O strength and stay" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er." Mr. E. W. Way read the lesson, and the Vicar paid eloquent tribute to Mr. Bishop's splendid Christian example.

The family mourners were Mrs. W. H. Bishop (widow), Mr. A. W. Bishop (son), Mesdames A. F. Plumbley and R. J. Wheeler (daughters), the Misses Joan Plumbley and Molly Bishop and Mr. Roy Wheeler (grandchildren), Mrs. A. W. Bishop (daughter-in-law), Messrs. A. F. Plumbley and R. J. Wheeler (sons-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F., Mr. and Mrs. E., Miss M., and

Mr. H. Langley (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs. Gustar, Mrs. C. Grist, Mrs. Genny, and Mrs. Cole (nieces), and Mr. G. Langley (nephew).

Those attending included Mr. W. and Miss Wheeler (Norton Green), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whatley (Redway), Mr. and Mrs. E. Huck, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDine, Mr. G. Hazard (churchwarden), and Mrs. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Flux (Parkhurst), Mrs. H. J. and Miss E. Way, Miss Cull, Mrs. L. E. and Miss Dore, Mrs. F. Dudley, Mrs. Mew, Mrs. Dacombe, Mrs. Sprake, Miss Osborne, Miss Bell, the Rev. A. F. Hill, Messrs. H. J. Gregory, W. Beere, W. Mew, and C. Barnes (employees), Messrs. S. Croucher, J. A. Maab (representing Mr. F. White, of Cowes), W. Furby, S. F. Moody (churchwarden), E. S. Whatley (Wroxall), F. Dudley, W. H. Bullock, P. J. Croucher (representing Messrs.Crouchers, Ltd.), H. H. Gould (Messrs. H. W. Morey and Sons Ltd.), J. F. Launder (Messrs. Shepard Bros.), W. Ouseley, M.B.E., J.P., C.C. (leader, representing St. Paul's Brotherhood), G. N. Rogers, J.P., W. A. Hurst (Messrs. W. Hurst and Son), H. A. Williams, A. W. Harris, R. Turner (Messrs. Alex. Sharp and Co.), W. G. James (instructor of St. Paul's Brotherhood Athletic Club), G. Bishop, W. and G. H. Cox, G. H. Dunford, J. Taylor, F. Reynard, W. Sheaf, S. W. Lailey, W. and B. Millmore, J. Elderfield, W. Butcher, G. Lock, D. Sheaf, C. Dodsworth, F. J. Tharme, J. R. Thomas, J. A. Hawkins, A. Chappell, J. Dowden, E. and E. G. Croucher, F. Turnham, J. D. Callaway, G. H. Arthur, P. E. W. Whiston (representing Mr. Mr. H. E. Stratton and Messrs. Strattons), R. Bird Cheverton, W. H. Baker, A. A. Whitfield, M.B.E. (hon. secretary of the Parochial Church Council), A. Appleton, J. Salter, and A. H. Sheaf. The interment followed at Newport Cemetery.

Messrs. H. Allen, F. White (Cowes), and H. E. Stratton were unable to attend, owing to indisposition.

Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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