

## Henry Brown

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### NEWPORT

**Death of Mr. Henry Brown.**—A fine record of service of nearly half a century with one firm has been ended by the death at the Vectis Nursing Home, Ryde, on Thursday of Mr. Henry Brown, aged 74, of St. Kilda, Fairlee-road. Mr. Brown was for 49 years a trusted servant of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton and Company. Since 1913 until his death he was foreman of their building department, bearing much of the responsibility for the maintenance of the firm's extensive properties. He continued to serve the firm in spite of a serious illness some years ago, from which he made a good recovery, and since that time until the last few months he had enjoyed fair health. Mr. Brown devoted almost all his spare time to his garden, of which he was passionately fond. He was a very successful grower of chrysanthemums and decorative plants. He was a former exhibitor at Island horticultural shows, winning many trophies, and a valued member of the committee of the I.W. Horticultural Association. His front garden at St. Kilda was his special pride; year after year the delightful displays of flowers there won the admiration of all. He was among the few remaining members of the Quay-street Methodist Church who were present at the laying of the foundation stone of the present building in 1879, and although he never held office in the church, he was a regular worshipper. Familiarly known as "Harry", he had a happy disposition, was rarely seen without a merry twinkle in his eye, and was universally liked and respected. He leaves a son and a daughter, the latter, Mrs. H. F. Pitman, having devotedly cared for him since the death of his wife in 1943. The funeral will take place on Monday; service at the Quay-street Methodist Church at 2.30 p.m.

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