William Sumpton Burnard

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MR. W. S. BURNARD. - Much regret is felt at the death on Saturday, following a seizure nearly a fortnight previously, of Mr. William. S. Burnard, of Fairlee-terrace, in his 65th year. The deceased was well known and much esteemed in the borough, where for over 42 years he did faithful and efficient service as an assistant teacher at the Nodehill Boys' School, under the headmastership of the late Mr. A. Gill Martin and of Mr. J. L. Mitchell, T. C. On his retirement in the spring of 1924 warm tribute was borne by the then Mayor (Mr. G. F. Quinton) and other speakers to Mr. Burnard's splendid scholastic record, and the high appreciation in which he was held by scholars was testified by the presentation of valuable gifts, both from the pupils at the school when he retired and from a number of "old boys." It was mentioned at the latter presentation that more than 2000 boys passed through the school during his term of office, and that 82 of them made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. For some years Mr. Burnard performed valued clerical work for the Newport Nursing Society during the secretariate of the late Miss Feneran. Much of his spare time was spent in his garden, as deceased was an enthusiastic horticulturist and particularly keen on fruit-growing. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family in their bereavement. The funeral service was held at St. Paul's. Barton, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon, M. A. (vicar of St. John's), officiating. The interment was at Newport Cemetery, where the deceased's father and mother were buried. The family mourners were the widow, Mr. William E. Burnard (son), Miss Dorothy M. Burnard (daughter), Mr. Frederick Burnard (brother), Mrs. Alice Heathfield (sister), Mr Frederick Heathfield (nephew), Messrs. Robert Bull and Joseph Bull (brothers-in-law), Mrs. R. Bull, Mrs. J. Bull, Mr. And Mrs. James Morris, and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. A. Fosbrook (nieces). Miss R. Bull (sister-in-law) was unavoidably prevented from attending. Others present were Messrs. T. Ross Pratt (town clerk), J. L. Mitchell, T. C., W. Ouseley, J. P., M.B.E., Supt. J. Salter (Deputy Chief Constable), H. G. Morris, C. Read, J. Collins, G. H. Arthur, P. E. Shields, M.C., H. W. Lincoln, A. F. Hart, and H. W. Bevis, and many old boys of the Newport Boys' School and present day scholars. There were also present Mesdames Marshall, Dodsworth, and Snellgrove, and the Misses A. Williams, S. Morris, E. Dore, V. Guy, and Packwood, and Messrs. A. W. Stevens, F. New, F. Abraham, A. Morris, G. Snellgrove, A. J. Cooper, G. Clarke. F. Burt, Wilson, and S. A. Porter.

Messrs. H. and F. Damp carried out the funeral arrangements.

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