

Sylvain Sydney Cannell

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PARKHURST.

Prison Officer's Funeral. – The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Sylvain Sydney Cannell, of 1 Bromilow Cottages, whose death occurred at the County Hospital on Tuesday week at the age of 53. Mr. Cannell, who had previously held posts at Brixton Prison for 20 years and at Exeter Prison, was appointed a hospital principal officer at the prison seven years ago, and in that capacity proved able and popular. He saw service in the first world war with the R.A.M.C. in France, and was a member of the British Legion and the Old Contemptibles' Association. Sympathy is felt with the widow and three sons in their loss. The service was held in the chapel of Camp Hill Borstal Institution, the Rev. E. C. Wearne (chaplain) officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Cannell (widow), Messrs. S., R., and B. Cannell (sons), Mrs. I. Rickard (sister), Mesdames D. Pluck and G. Floyd (sisters-in-law), Messrs. R. and L. Fatt (brothers-in-law), and Dr. C. Davies-Jones. Others present included Mr. A. Horrix (Governor of the prison), Col. J. W. A. Parkin (deputy governor), Dr. A. A. S. MacDonald (senior medical officer), Mr. H. W. Archer (hospital chief officer), Mr. J. H. Hunt (chief officer, Class I), Mr. E. Howell (chief officer, Class II), and Mr. A. B. Shaw, M.B.E. (deputy mayor). Twenty officers from Parkhurst and about 100 from Camp Hill Borstal Institution also attended, and Prison Officers Pizzy, Morgan, O. B. Davis, Caird, Biggs, and Walker acted as bearers. The interment took place at Newport Cemetery, and floral tributes included those from the Governor and general staff of the prison and the hospital staff. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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