

Harold Rugg

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DEATH OF BROTHERHOOD SECRETARY.

The Newport Brotherhood suffered a heavy loss by the death at the Fairlee Isolation Hospital on Monday of Mr. Harold Rugg, of 7 Worsley-road, who had been its able and much-esteemed hon. Secretary for about eight years, and a devoted member for a considerably longer period. Mr. Rugg's health had been indifferent for about three months, but when it was necessary to remove him to the Isolation Hospital a few days before his death his passing was not anticipated, and it came as a shock to many friends, who deeply sympathise with his widow in her irreparable loss. Mr. Rugg, who was in his 50th year, was a son of the late Mr. Archibald Baron Rugg, formerly in business as a photographer in Holyrood-street. He served in the I.W. Rifles in Palestine during the last war and was badly shell-shocked, being in hospital for nine months, but eventually made a good recovery. For some years he had been employed by Messrs. Jordan and Stanley as a storeman. He was an able gardener, but devoted the greater part of his leisure to his work as hon. secretary of the Brotherhood, being an ardent enthusiast for that movement. He was one of the prime movers in the formation of an Island Federation of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods.

The large gathering at the funeral service in the Congregational church on Thursday testified to the esteem he enjoyed. The Rev. T. E. R. Langridge (minister of the church and president of the Brotherhood) officiated assisted by the Rev. Ezra E. W. Ramm (Methodist, of Cowes), and the Brotherhood organist (Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier) accompanied the hymns "We cannot think of them as dead" and "There is a land", and played "O rest in the Lord". In a tribute to deceased's fine character, Mr. Langridge said he put into practice in every phase of his life the Brotherhood's motto "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren". Mr. Rugg was one of the most open and sincere men and the most enthusiastic and devoted brotherhood secretary he had ever met. He was indeed a brother beloved.

The mourners were the widow, Mrs. F. R. Guy (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Turner (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. Baron Rugg (brother), Mr. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sibbick, and Mr. H. C. Floyd (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Sibbick, and Messrs. C. Wyatt and A. G. Grace (vice-presidents of the Brotherhood). Those also attending included the Rev. G. C. Seymour (president of the I.W. Federation of Brotherhoods), Mrs. A. H. Hughes and Mrs. R. Goddard (president and hon. Secretary of the I.W. Federation of Sisterhoods), Mr. J. Clark (deputy-president of the Brotherhood), Mr. C. J. Cooper (hon. treasurer), and many members, Mr. A. G. Harrison (church secretary), Major J. Fletcher and Mr. J. K. R. Toogood (Salvation Army), Miss Cheverton (P.T.E. Society), Mrs. Gentle (Victoria Methodist Sisterhood), Messrs. W. G. Sibbick, A. J. Williams, and I. Crutcher (St. John's Men's Bible Class), Messrs. F. Chiverton and H. Mayes (St. Thomas's Bible Class), Mr. Leonard Jordan, J.P., Miss Jordan, and Messrs. O. E. Long, T. B. Punter, F. H. Gwilliam, W. H. Cousins, K. Miller, G. Cooley, P. Groves, V. Hayles, and W. Woodford, Mesdames Rolf and Noy, and Miss Chandler (staff of Messrs. Jordan and Stanley), and many members of the P.T.E. Society. The interment was at Newport Cemetery. There were 24 floral tributes, including those from the Brotherhood; the P.T.E. Sisterhood; Mr. Leonard Jordan; and the staffs of Messrs. Jordan and Stanley at Nodehill and in St. James's-square. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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