

William Henry Tiley

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DEATH OF MR. W.H. TILEY

We regret to record the death on Monday, at his residence, Mount House, Staplers-road, of Mr. William Henry Tiley, at the age of 72 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some years, having experienced a stroke as long ago as 18 years, but he recovered sufficiently to resume his activities for some years longer. His failing health, however, compelled his retirement some years ago. The loss by death of his wife some nine years ago was a severe blow to him, and in his declining years his daughter, who had been his housekeeper, and who tenderly nursed him through his long illness, was a great comfort to him. The late Mr. Tiley was well known not only in the town but in many parts of the Island as the business representative of the late firm of Messrs. Golden and Vibert, grocers and provision merchants, and subsequently he was for some 24 years the very efficient and energetic collector for the Newport Gas Company. He was one of the foundation members of the Newport Literary Society, of which he was a constant and valued supporter all through, a most useful member of the committee for many years, and one of the most regular attendants at the Reading-room of that Society.

He was also one of the oldest and most respected members of the Wesleyan Church, where the first part of the funeral service took place on Thursday. The Rev. R.S. Kirkham officiated. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunter (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. F. Perkins (brother-in-law), Mr. G. Perkins (nephew), and Messrs. E. Perkins, G. Morgan, and R. Stevens. Amongst those also attending were the Mayor (Councillor W. Blake), Messrs. Robert Pinnock, J.P., G.W. Ibbotson, and W.C. Black (directors of the Gas Company), Messrs. F.E. Cox and S.F. Holmes (manager and secretary of the Gas Company), Messrs. J.B. Alderslade (president), J. Way, O.H. Arthur, W. Rodway, and J.L. Mitchell (hon. Secretary), representing the Literary Society, Mrs. F. Dudley, Mrs. H. Cheek, Mrs. Munden, Miss King, and several lady members of the Wesleyan Church, Mr. G. Long, Mr. E.O. White, Ald. F.E. Whitcher, J.P., Mr. Edward W. Way, and Mr. T.E. Duke. The interment was at Newport Cemetery. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, including those inscribed "From the officers, committee, and members of the Newport Literary Society, in grateful remembrance of an esteemed member from its formation in 1878"; and "With deepest sympathy, from the directors, officials, and staff of the Newport Gas Company." Mr. G.F. Quinton made the arrangements.

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