Albert Percy Williams

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LOCAL BUILDER'S DEATH.- The death of Mr. Albert Percy Williams, aged 51, builder, of Mill-street, occurred at his residence, Stapler's Lodge, on Sunday, after a long illness. The deceased, who had been connected with the Wesleyan Church and Sunday-school from boyhood, had been a local preacher for about 33 years, and a trustee of several of the churches in the Newport and Cowes circuit. He leaves a widow and seven children. The funeral service was held at the Wesleyan Church on Thursday, when there was a large and representative gathering. The service was opened by the Revs. R. S. Kirkham and P. Spencer, of Cowes. The latter made a sympathetic reference to the Christian fortitude of the deceased during a long period of suffering. The hymns sung were "O love of God how strong and true" and "Who fathoming the eternal thought," and Chopin's Marche funebre and other appropriate music was played by the Organist, Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier. The mourners were Mrs. Williams, the widow, and her five daughters, Margaret, Dorothy, Gladys, Hilda, and Kathleen, Messrs. J. H. F. (Cowes), and G. Williams (brothers), Miss F. Williams, East Cowes (sister), Mrs. F. Williams (Cowes), Messrs. G., F., W., R., and A. Gentle, and the Rev. C. K. Gentle (brothers-in-law)), Messrs. E. Daish and W. Stait, and the employees of the firm. The local preachers were represented, also the Rechabites Society, of which the deceased was a member. A number of beautiful wreaths included those from the Wesleyan Church and the Newport and Cowes Wesleyan circuit local preachers. The arrangements were made by Mr. W. Wells.

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