

## **Alfred Westley Faulkner**

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### **A TALENTED ORGANIST**

#### **DEATH OF MR. A. W. FAULKNER**

Mr. Alfred Westley Faulkner, who was well known and much esteemed as the accomplished organist at St. Catherine's Parish Church, Ventnor, for 33 years, and as a Prudential Assurance Company representative in the Island for 32 years, died suddenly at his home at Bartford, Staplers Road, Newport, early on Sunday morning at the age of 55. He had suffered from chronic asthma for several years and his sudden death was due to a heart attack. He leaves a widow and a son and daughter.

Mr. Faulkner was a native of Ventnor and joined the choir of Holy Trinity Church as a boy. He was taught to play the organ by Mr. Edwin Lemare, sen., father of the famous organist and composer, and was an apt pupil, becoming a player and composer of considerable attainment. For 33 years, from 1925, he was organist and choirmaster at St. Catherine's Church, Ventnor, and he maintained a standard of music there which won the admiration of residents and visitors alike, the latter particularly appreciating his able weekly recitals during the season. In November 1958 he resigned the appointment because the journeys from Newport to Ventnor were too much for him in his impaired health, and since then he had rendered valued service as organist at St. John's Church, Newport. While holding the Ventnor appointment he was also organist at the Royal National Hospital and to the Yarborough Lodge of Freemasons. He was a former chairman of the Island branch of the Hampshire Association of Organists.

During his long service with the Prudential Assurance Company he held agencies in several parts of the Island, but for most of the time he worked at Newport. During the second world war he was a keen and able member of the Royal Observer Corps at Niton and Freshwater and during the later part of the war he served in the R.A.F. In all his activities his ability and kindness won him the high regard of all his associates.

#### **THE FUNERAL**

There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral service on Thursday at St. John's Church, Newport, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Cooper). The hymns "Angel voices ever singing" and "Jesu, the very thought of Thee," were sung, Mr. Horace Lower being the organist. The Vicar of St. Paul's, Barton (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) spoke of Mr. Faulkner's wonderful contribution to church life and of his deep devotion to the ministry of music.

The family mourners were Mrs. Faulkner (widow), Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Faulkner (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. T. Pace (son-in-law, also representing his wife, who was indisposed), and Mrs. W. Scovell (sister).

The interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp, Ltd., made the arrangements.

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