

Munter Macdonald Beckingsale

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Death of Mr. M. M. Beckingsale**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Munter Macdonald Beckingsale, LL. M., aged 75, which occurred at a nursing home in Shanklin on Saturday. He was a brother of the late Mr. Beauclerc Bennett Beckingsale, of Fairlee House, Newport, and the elder son of the late Mr. W. J. Beckingsale. His passing removes the last surviving member of one of the oldest firms of solicitors formerly practicing in Newport. Educated at Haileybury and Trinity College, Cambridge, he married Miss Agnes Mary Ford Dalgleish, and leaves one son and a daughter, who are in Kenya. His wife pre-deceased him. He lived in Cowes for many years before removing to St. Albans and practising as a solicitor in London. For the last three years he had resided in Shanklin. During his residence in Cowes he was a keen follower on foot of the I.W. hounds. He lived in St. Albans for a few years, returning again to Cowes after the death of his wife in 1913. He had been slowly failing in health the last few years, and was taken ill on New Year's day and passed away on January 9th. It is of interest to note that his father, who reached the advanced age of 94, was the oldest solicitor practising in England. He was a typical Victorian, and a notable figure in Newport, always wearing a silk hat and driving a pony chaise. The family is connected with the founder of the Beckingsale Training Home for Girls in Salisbury. The funeral service took place at St. Paul's Church, Barton, where the family regularly worshipped, on Tuesday, the Rev. Miles Atkinson (vicar) officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. A. Storrs, rector of Shanklin. Before the service, Mr. Leslie E. Dore (organist) play "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelsohn) and "Blest are the departed" (Spohr), and at its close Chopin's Funeral March. The choir attended, the hymns sung being "O God, our help", "On the resurrection morning", and "Abide with me", and the 90th Psalm was chanted. The lesson was read by the Rector of Shanklin. The mourners were Mr. Cyril J. Beckingsale (nephew), Miss Violet Beckingsale (niece), Miss Dorothy Beckingsale (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Adrian J. S. Jerome, Miss Ida Hargrove (Sandown), Miss Lainsbury (Shanklin), and Mr. J. W. Beverton. There were also present Miss Atkinson, Major H. J. and Mrs. Way, Mr. Gerald H. L. Watson (secretary of the Royal London Yacht Club), Miss Lillian and Miss Kathleen Watson, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Mumford (Cowes), Mr. C. Dodsworth, and Mr. E. A. Huck. The interment took place at Barton Cemetery. The wreaths and other floral tributes were as follows: In loving memory of Dad from Murial and Will; in loving remembrance of uncle from Violet, Dorothy, and Cyril; with kind remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Adrian J. S. Jerome (Shanklin); in kind remembrance from Beryl Aylward; in kind remembrance from Miss Ida C. Hargrove (Sandown); in loving remembrance from Miss L. D. Lainsbury; in affectionate remembrance from Mrs. G. B. Hudson and M. Corfield; and from Mrs. Algernon J. Hotham and the Misses Hotham (Rosetta, Cowes). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. W. Urry and Son, of Pyle-street, Newport.

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