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WELL KNOWN ISLAND LADY RECHABITE'S DEATH

MRS. F. HAYWARD, OF NEWPORT

Island Rechabitem has lost an enthusiastic worker and a very esteemed member, who had held the highest office in the Order locally, by the death of Mrs. Minnie Hayward, wife of Mr. Frank Hayward, baker, of Pyle-street, and The Haven, Staplers-road, Newport, which took place at the County Hospital on Saturday, following the third operation she had undergone during a long illness. Mrs. Hayward, who was 55, was a daughter of the late Mr. Tom Brown, a former well known Newport carpenter. She had been the able secretary of the Helping Hand Female Tent of Rechabites, Newport, for 17 years and was the only lady member of the Order in the Island who had held the office of District Chief Ruler, being elected to that position in 1923, when the District celebrated its jubilee. In occupying it she contributed to a unique family record, as the Chief Rulership has also been held by her husband and his father (the late Mr. Isaac Hayward). This notable family record was commemorated in 1921, when they presented an inscribed ebony block and gavel to the District. Mrs. Hayward was also the only Island lady Rechabite to serve on the District Executive. Both in her association with Island Rechabitem and in assisting her husband in his business Mrs. Hayward always displayed a geniality and helpfulness which won her many friends who deplore her early death and deeply sympathise with the bereaved husband and two sons.

The large gathering of Rechabites from all parts of the island at the funeral at Newport on Wednesday was eloquent of the appreciation of her services to the Order. A service was held at the Quay-street Methodist Church and the interment was in the St. Paul's Cemetery at Fairlee. The Rev. J. Higman officiated, the Rechabites' service was read at the graveside by Bro. E. Searle, P.D.O.R., of Ryde, and the officers of the Order, wearing regalia, formed a guard of honour at the church door. The chief mourners were Mr. F. Hayward (husband), Mr. and Mrs. L. Hayward and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hayward (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayward, of Godshill (brother and sister-in-law [*sic?*]), Messrs. H.W. and B. Brown (brothers), Miss Clapshaw (cousin), and Mr. C. Brown and Mr. H.F. Pitman (nephews). The Helping Hand Female Tent was represented by Miss L. Bartlett, Miss Bricknell, and Mesdames Peach, H. Dove, and Carpenter, and other representatives of the Order present were Bros. S. Ramage (District Secretary), W.C. Cooper, W. Downer, T.C. and W.H. Hyde (Newport), A. Price, H. Honeybourne, and W.C. Jacobs (Shanklin), G. Morris (Niton), O.E. Kingswell, A. Childs, and E.W. Barber (Ventnor), S. Fletcher (Freshwater), H.A. Phillips, A.D. Guy, C.J. Butt, and Miss G. Phillips (Godshill), A. Hayden and R.O. Burden (Binstead), R.Boyce, and E.J. Gosden (Wootton), C. Calloway (Arreton), W. Downer and F.F. Hollis (Limerstone), J. Hayden and G.W. Taylor (Newchurch), A. Stainer (Sandown), and Mesdames A. Rugg and Dunford and Miss Westmore (Ryde). Those also attending included Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Butcher, Mesdames S. Ramage, W.H. Croucher (representing her husband), K. Westmore, Buckler, sen., F. Buckler, J. Clarke, H. Matthews, P.C. Morgan, W.H. Downer, and C.H. New, and the Misses Young and Church.

The beautiful floral tributes were from the following: Dad - from her sorrowing husband; Les, Alice, Joan, Norman, and Brian: Cyril, Ivy, and Donie; Minnie and Horace, Cambridge; Ted and Laurie; Ken; Lily; Mr. and Mrs. L.J. McKinley; Miss Leal; Mr and Mrs. W.H. Dove and Beryl; Mr. Pitman; Harry, Edith, and May, 61 Caesar's-road; Harry and Emma, St. Kilda; Mr. And Mrs Ramage; Winnie, Wilf, and family; Maud and Bert; Hilda and Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Young, Gurnard; Mrs. Knight; F. and E. Wills; Mr. and Mrs. Peachey and Bob; Mrs. W. Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. H. Watson, New-street; Mr. King, Pyle-street, and Mrs. Brading, Drill Hall-road; Mrs. Ashton and Eva; Mrs. McKenzie, Staplers; Mabel; Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett, Staplers; Girlie and Ron; Mrs. Nicklan, St. Mary's Hospital; Flo, Joe, and June; the officers and members of the I.W. District Executive of the

Rechabites; and the officers and members of the Helping Hand Female Tent. Messrs. O.C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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