

## Henry Mayes

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### NEWPORT

**Death of Mr. Henry Mayes.**—The death took place at his residence, Virginia, Fairlee-road, on Thursday, at the age of 87, of Mr. Henry Mayes, who was a familiar and esteemed figure to all worshippers at the Parish Church as the father of the choir. He was most regular and enthusiastic in his duties as a choirman and was present at the morning service on Sunday week, but an acute attack of bronchitis, which developed on the following day, proved fatal. Much sympathy is felt with his widow and family in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Mayes celebrated their golden wedding anniversary six years ago. Mr. Mayes had enjoyed remarkably good health until his final short illness. He was very active in his support of the St. Thomas's Bible Class, of which he was the senior vice-president and was also a vice-president of the P.S.A. Brotherhood. He was an ex-chief officer of the Prison Service and the holder of the King's Imperial Service Medal. He served at Chatham and Portland Prisons, where he was chief for some years before he retired on pension in 1920. He and his family then came to reside here. He had been a chorister and churchwarden at Portland for about 20 years, and he immediately continued those interests by joining the Parish Church choir, of which he had been a valued member ever since. Altogether he had been a church chorister for over 60 years. He was also a keen member of the Philharmonic Society and, for a time, its hon. librarian. Mr. Mayes was a man of sterling character and charming manner and will be missed by many friends. The funeral will be on Tuesday at the Parish Church at 2 p.m.

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25 December 1943

### NEWPORT

**The Late Mr. H. Mayes.**—The funeral of Mr. Henry Mayes, of Virginia, Fairlee-road, took place on Tuesday. The first part of the service was held in St. Thomas's Church, and the interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery. Canon W. B. Hogg officiated, assisted by the Rev. Murray Smith, S.C.F., and the Rev. B. Richardson, C.A. The hymns, "On the resurrection morning", "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds", and "Abide with me", were accompanied on the organ by Mr. E. A. English, Mus.Bac., and the choir, of which the deceased was so long a member, was present. The mourners were Mrs. J. Mayes (widow), Mrs. Marsh (daughter), Mr. R. J. Mayes (grandson, also representing his father, who is in Ceylon), Mrs. H. J. Mayes (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. W. Coward, and Mr. F. Chiverton (leader of St. Thomas's Bible Class). Amongst the large congregation were Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. F. Turnham (ex-Prison Officer), Mr. E. J. Bartlett (ex-Prison Officer), Mr. G. C. Russell, J.P., C.C., Mr. P. G. Jenkins, T.C., Mrs. A. Chiverton, Miss P. Chotter, ex-Chief Officer Stone, P.C. Eames, Miss K. Lower (deputy organist), Mrs. W. B. Hogg, Mr. G. R. Barrett (representing the Carisbrooke Church Choir), Mr. E. H. White (British and Foreign Bible Study), Mr. R. H. Pritchard and Mr. Venus (church-wardens), Mr. R. T. Brackey, T.C., Mr. A. E. Fry (ex-chief officer), Mr. W. G. Rodway, Mrs. and Miss L. Norris, Mrs. L. Angell, and Mr. S. W. Layley (ex-Prison Officer), Mr. J. B. Doe (secretary of the I.W. Horticultural Association), and Mr. C. J. Barham (acting hon. secretary, St. Thomas's Bible Class).

Amongst the congregation were members of the St. Thomas's Bible Class on leave, Trooper G. Dudley, R.A.C., A. B. Mosling, R.N., A. A. David Muff, R.A.F., A. B. D. Strand, R.N., and

Aircraftman F. Wavell. Also present were members of the St. John's Men's Bible Class and representatives of the Newport Brotherhood. Parkhurst Prison was represented by Chief Officer Bovington and Officers Miller, Chapman, Child, Gentle, Hope, and Jones (bearers). The Mayor (Capt. J. S. Brown), Mr. W. G. Sibbeck, J. P. (acting leader of St. John's Bible Class) and Mr. W. H. Dann, J.P., were prevented from attending.

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