

Herbert Henry Cooper

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The Late Mr. H. H. Cooper. — The funeral service took place at Castlehold Baptist Church on Friday week for Mr. Herbert Henry Cooper, aged 73, of 24 New Street, who died at St Mary's Hospital the previous Monday. Mr. Cooper was born in Sandown and moved as a child to London, where his father was in the Metropolitan Police. He returned to the Island in 1918 and assisted in his father's newsagent's business at Carisbrooke until 1939. He was a keen member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, serving in London from 1914 to 1919 and re-joining in November, 1939, at Newport. He was transferred to the Saunders-Roe ambulance division in May, 1942. In that sphere he was actively engaged in A.R.P. duties. He returned to Newport in 1950, was promoted to corporal in 1954, transferred to the retired list in 1959, and made an Auxiliary of St John, continuing a close association with the work. He was a divisional storekeeper from 1952 to 1959 and in 1953 was awarded the service medal of St John. He was also a member of the R.A.O.B from 1924. Mr. Cooper married Miss Minnie Roe James in Surrey in 1912 and they celebrated their golden wedding in February, receiving numerous gifts acknowledging not only the occasion but their unstinting work for those in need. They were caretakers at Castlehold Baptist Church for about seven years until 1960. Mr Cooper had been a patient at St Mary's Hospital for nearly two years. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Williams. The Hymn "God be with you till we meet again" was sung at the request of the widow. The mourners were Mr, and Mrs. M. Cooper (son and daughter-in-law, representing Mrs. H. H. Cooper, widow), Mrs. S. Weir (Sister), Mr. T. Cooper (grandson), Miss F. Jackman (representing Miss S. Cooper and Mrs. B. Parsons, grand-daughters), Mr. R. Weir and Mrs. M. Dall (nephew and niece), and Mrs. M. Tinsley. Eight members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, under Mr. J. Smith, formed a guard of honour outside the church, and the R.A.O.B were also represented. The floral tributes included those from the minister and congregation of Castlehold Baptist Church, the St John Ambulance Brigade, and friends and neighbours New Street. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Mr. R. G. W. Reed in conjunction with Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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