John Henry Diffey

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BUSINESSMAN'S DEATH

Mr. John Henry Diffey, aged 76, owner of the umbrella repair shop at 63 Pyle Street, died at St. Mary's Hospital on Wednesday. He joined his father in the family umbrella repair and scissor-grinding business at Nodehill before the business was moved to Pyle Street, where it has been for 39 years. The business, the only one of its kind in the Island, became so well known that a large proportion of the work was sent from the mainland. Mr. Diffey married Miss E.M. Jolliffe in 1911. He had been a member of the Salvation Army since his youth. The funeral will take place today at the Salvation Army citadel.

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The funeral service took place at the Salvation Army Citadel on Saturday for Mr. John Henry Diffey, aged 76, of 63 Pyle Street. Capt. G.H. Radford (corps commanding officer) officiated. The hymns included "The Lord's my shepherd" and "Abide with me." The mourners were Mrs. J.D. Diffey (widow), Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Diffey (son and daughter-in-law) Mr. and Mrs. C. Burt (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. D. Diffey and Mr. C. Burt (grandchildren), Mr. B. Thomas (brother-in-law), Mrs. M. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. H. Simmonds. Among the floral tributes were those from the local Salvation Army corps and from Reg Wells, Ltd. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. R.G.W. Reed made the arrangements.

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