John Durgin

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Retired Prison Officer's Death. — Mr. John Durgin, of 58 Booth Terrace, Hunnyhill, who had been retired since 1915 after a long record of service with the Parkhurst Prison staff died on Monday at the age of 86. He commenced his career as a prison officer at Chatham, and had been on the staffs of various prisons, though his longest term was at Parkhurst. He is survived by a daughter and two grand-daughters. The funeral at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday was conducted by the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D. (vicar), and the following members of the Parkhurst Prison staff were the bearers: Prison Officers Biggs, Caird, Lowe, Bancroft, Head, and Walker. The chief mourners were Mrs. H. Thomas (daughter, Misses Daisy and Winnie Thomas (grand-daughters), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. C. Aram, and Miss Oram. Floral tributes included a wreath from the Parkhurst staff. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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