

Benjamin Gilbert

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PARKHURST

ROOKWOOD CRICKET CLUB CONCERT. - A musical treat of a high order was afforded on Wednesday evening last, when the first of two concerts promoted for the benefit of the funds of the Rookwood Cricket Club was given in the Recreation Room, Parkhurst.

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The Chairman announced that the next and last concert will take place on April 3rd. --- *Since the above was in type we have received the following note from Mr. Sleeman: "I shall feel obliged if you will kindly announce under report of cricket concert that, in consequence of the unexpected death of one of our officers (Mr. Gilbert), who was very much respected by brother officers, no further concert will be given by the committee of the cricket club this season."*

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PARKHURST

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. GILBERT- On Sunday afternoon last the mortal remains of the late Mr. Benjamin Gilbert were interred at Carisbrooke Cemetery amid every manifestation of sorrowful respect. The deceased, who had been for 10 years an assistant warder at H.M. Prison, Parkhurst, was much respected by his comrades, and in addition to relatives and personal friends, about 50 of the prison staff attended the funeral. These included the Governor of the Prison, Capt. F. Johnson; assistant surgeon, Dr. G. Hawkins; Mr. Allison, late chief warder; Mr. White, schoolmaster; Mr. Holman, compounder; Principal Warders Brown, Whiting, and Wadham and Mr. Moir. The deceased was a member of the "Loyal Benevolent" Lodge of Oddfellows, of Wimborne, Dorset and the cortege was met at the bottom of Hunnyhill by about 60 members and 30 juveniles of the "Loyal Earl Yarborough" Lodge of Oddfellows, who accompanied the remains of their departed brother to their last resting place.

The officers present were V.G. Bro. R. Howes, G.M. F. Green, P.P.G.M. G.H. Locke, P.G.'s J. Sanders and J. Taylor, trustees, P.P.G.M. T.H. Walden treasurer and lecture master, P.G. Charles Steel, permanent secretary, P.G. Arthur D. Ring, elective secretary, P.G. E.J. Abraham, warden, P.G. W. Fuller, tyler, Conductors Bros. H. Osborne and Wyatt, P.G.'s W.J. Rugg, T. Woodford, and H. Brummell, Bro. G.H. Self, &c., and the corresponding secretary of the district, P.P.G.M. Robert Saunders. The Rev. H.A. Taylor, chaplain of the Prison, officiated, and by that gentleman's permission the burial service of the Order of Oddfellows was most impressively read by the lecture master, Bro. T.H. Walden, P.P.G.M. The singing of the hymn "Jesu, lover of my soul," at the graveside, concluded the obsequies.

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NORTHWOOD VESTRY AND MANN'S CHARITY

An adjourned Vestry meeting was held in the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon to receive applications for Mann's Charity. The chair was taken by the Rev. C.E. Seaman, and amongst those present were Messrs. Fellows, C.C., Moon, Gammon, Varty, Drudge, Holman, &c.

The Chairman said there was £19.15s. in hand from Mann's Charity, but only one application, and that was the one he made at the Easter Vestry on behalf of James Gilbert, who was 16 years of age and was apprenticed to a printer at Newport, but only earned 3s. a week. His father died suddenly last month.

Mr. Fellows, C.C., moved that £6.10s. be granted to the Rev. C.E. Seaman for the lad, but he could not believe that in this parish of 8000 people there was only one deserving case. He then referred to a letter which had appeared in a local newspaper with respect to this charity, and said it was not a fact that Church people had been preferred to Dissenters in the distribution of the charity. Out of the last four boys appointed three had been recommended by Nonconformists and one by a Churchman and even if what was alleged had been the case, it would only have shown that Dissenters did not do their duty in hunting up cases, for he had never known a deserving case refused.

The Chairman said this was a Nonconformist case. The father of the boy had been a sturdy Wesleyan.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Drudge and carried.

Some conversation took place as to the balance in hand, and it was decided to carry it over until next year, unless some urgent case occurred, when a special Vestry should be called. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

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