

William Hurst

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DEATH OF MR. W. HURST OF NEWPORT

The lamented death of Mr. William Hurst, the esteemed head of the firm of Messrs. W. Hurst and Son, ironfounders and engineers and agricultural implement dealers, of Holyrood-street, Newport, which occurred on Tuesday at his residence, Rook Cottage, Castle-road, Newport, removes one of the oldest and most respected tradesman, and a valued member and worker of the Wesleyan Church. The deceased, who had reached his 70th year, was actively engaged in the business, which was established in 1859, until quite recently, when failing health compelled him to retire. In agricultural circles throughout the Island the deceased was widely known and was held in the highest esteem, and he was a familiar figure at the local and other agricultural shows. His loss will be very keenly felt by the members of the Wesleyan Church, where he had been a prominent worker for many years as superintendent of the Sunday-schools at Pyle-street and Hunnyhill, and a trustee of the Hunnyhill Mission Church, and he had rendered very devoted and acceptable service as a local preacher and as circuit steward. The successful organization of the children's gathering in connection with the jubilee of the late Queen Victoria was largely due to the efforts on Mr. Hurst, whose active church work left no time for other activities of a public character. He leaves a son and a daughter, his wife having predeceased him.

The large attendance at the funeral on Thursday testified to the esteem in which deceased was held. A service at the Wesleyan Church preceded the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Rev. R. S. Kirkham impressively officiated, and the organist (Mr. E. J. H. Quarrier) accompanied the singing of the hymn "Abide with me," and played Grieg's Funeral March and Mendelssohn's "O rest in the Lord." The family mourners were Mr. A. Hurst (son), Mrs. H. Robinson, of Leytonstone (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Dorman, of Upminster, (brother-in-law and sister), and Mr. W. Clark (nephew). All the employees of Messrs. W. Hurst and Son were able to attend, with the exception of the two oldest, Messrs. G. Snellgrove (who has 50 years' service with the firm) and F. Read. Amongst those also present were Mr. and Mrs. T. Ross Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown and Mr. C. G. Brown, Mr. H. W. Horan, T.C., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knighton, Mr. and Mrs. Truscott, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ashby, Mrs. F. E. Cox, Miss M. Payn, Mrs. G. N. Rogers, Ald. and Mrs. F. E. Witcher, Ald. G. W. Ball, J.P., C.C., and Messrs. L. Jordan, J.P., H. Shepard, J.P., F. Morgan, W. Morris (Pan), E. H. Morris (Gotten), Andrew Cheek, F. T. Cheek, E. H. Cropp, H. New, C. A. Sleaf, W. Prince, J. M. Mansbridge, J. H. Linington, G. H., E. A., and H. Drudge, F. Burton, E. Gentle, A. Elderfield, W., W. W., and E. Wells, P. Hollis, W. J. Knighton (representing H. W. Daws and Co., Shanklin), R. Urry, A. Gaukroger, E. Morris (Plaish), J. W. Marshall, F. H. J. Damp, F. F. Hollis, H. E. Wader, A. E. Marvin (Carisbrooke), F. Morris (Stroud Green), F. Morris, R.D.C., and other members of the congregation of the Wesleyan Church. A beautiful display of wreaths included tributes from the employees and the Wesleyan Church. Messrs. Damp carried out the funeral arrangements.

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