

William Ford Newnham

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF THE REV. W. F. NEWNHAM.--Newportonians will keenly regret to hear of the death at Guy's Hospital, London, on Wednesday, following an operation, of the Rev. William Ford Newnham, of the United Methodist Connexion, a native of the borough, who had won an honoured place in the ministry of his church. The deceased, who was 54, was the eldest son of the late Mr. W. Newnham, who for many years carried on a bakery business at 137 High-street, and a brother of Mrs. W. H. Downer, of 34 Chapel-street. He left Newport on entering the Bible Christian ministry in 1894, since when he has laboured most successfully at Waterloo-road, London, Taunton, Jersey, Exeter, Portsmouth, Weston-super-Mare, and Camborne, Cornwall. He was superintendent of the last-named circuit for some years, and was held in the greatest esteem there and throughout the United Methodist Church. He married a Newport lady, Miss Bailey (daughter of the late Mr. W. J. Bailey, solicitor), who for many years was a member of the choir of the Quay-street church, and an earnest worker in connection therewith. Sincere sympathy is felt for her and her daughter in their heavy bereavement. The funeral will take place at Newport to-day (Saturday), the first portion of the service at the United Methodist Church at 3 p.m., and the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The late rev. gentleman was one of the oldest members of the Newport Tent of Rechabites.

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NEWPORT

THE LATE REV. W. F. NEWNHAM.--The funeral of the Rev. William Ford Newnham, superintendent minister of the Camborne (Cornwall) United Methodist Circuit, whose death at Guy's Hospital we announced last week, took place on Saturday. A service was first held at the Quay-street Church, where the deceased was a regular worshipper prior to entering the ministry 27 years ago. The Rev. H. Rundle (chairman of the Portsmouth district) read the burial service and the following ministerial colleagues assisted in the service: the Revs. H. Parsons (Newport), W. H. Saturley (Shanklin), J. H. Squire, B.A., B.D. London), F. Husband (Ryde), and T. J. T. Chapman (Southampton). The last named referred to the deceased's high Christian character and wonderful devotion to the work of his church. He said the deceased would be ever remembered for his successful ministry when in charge of the Weston-Super-Mare circuit during the amalgamation of the churches which formed the United Methodist Connexion. He won equal love and respect in his Cornwall circuit, where his death at an early age was deeply deplored. Their most profound sympathy went out to the widow and daughter. Mr. W. G. Cooper, at the organ, played "O rest in the Lord" and the Dead March in Saul, and the hymns, "Jesu, Lover of my soul," "Peace, perfect peace," and "Abide with me" were sung. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were the widow, Mesdames W. H. Downer, J. Ankers, and G. Flux (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bailey (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss A. Bailey (sister-in-law), Messrs. H. Bailey, W. H. Downer, and G. Flux (brothers-in-law), Messrs. W. Bailey and L. Downer (nephews), and Mr. G. Snellgrove. Amongst those also attending were

Mrs. Gill Martin, Messrs. A. James, A. Cave, E. F. Wray, P. J. Croucher, D. J. Bartlett, C. H. Cave, J. K. Alderslade, and J. Blake. The beautiful floral tributes included one from the Newport United Methodist Church.

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