

Henry Frederick Scott

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Former Builder and Sportsman.- The death took place on Thursday week of Mr. Henry Frederick Scott, of 2 Medina Avenue, who was for many years principal of the well-known building firm of H. Scott and Son, founded by his father, the late Mr. Harry Scott, of the same address. Mr. Scott took over from his father during the 1920s in association with his brother, Mr. S. P. Scott, and became well known in local business circles and as a member of organisations including the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, the Odd Fellows, and the former Literary Society. He retired from the business when his nephew Mr. G. H. Scott, returned from Army service in the last war, but continued his association with local organisations until his health commenced to fail some three years ago. Mr. Scott, who was a bachelor, worshipped at St. John's Church all his life and was a sidesman for some time. He also regularly audited the church accounts during the vicariate of the late Rev. W. H. Mackinnon. Keen on all branches of sport, Mr. Scott had played for the Newport Cricket Club, frequently winning the ball for the best bowling average, and was a member of the Newport Golf Club, playing regularly until well into his sixties. He had also been a member of the I.W. Club Referees' Association and frequently recalled amusing memories of handling the somewhat robust matches of his day, including a cup-tie at Cowes, when his method of quelling a near pitched battle between the players was to sit on the ball for 10 minutes while tempers cooled. He was also a good billiards player on the Literary Society's tables and was fond of playing his American organ. The funeral took place on Monday, a service at St. John's Church being conducted by the Vicar(the Rev. S. F. Cooper) in the presence of many of his old friends and business acquaintances. Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M., was at the organ and the hymns "Our blest Redeemer" and "Abide with me" were sung. The mourners were Mrs. S. P. Scott (sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Scott, Mr. G. H. Scott, and Mrs. Kelynack, of Southampton (nephews and nieces). Mr. S. P. Scott (brother) and Mr. P. Spencer (cousin) were unable to attend. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and there were many floral tributes.

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