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DEATH OF AN ISLE OF WIGHT JOURNALIST

We record with regret the somewhat unexpected demise of Mr. **EBENEZER HARTNALL**, the oldest journalist in the Island, and who has been more or less connected with newspapers for over forty years. The deceased never recovered the shock of the adverse verdict in the late libel suit, **WEBBER v HARTNALL**. His enfeebled constitution prevented him overcoming a common complaint, which usually yields to simple remedies. Refusing all food, he lapsed into a semi-unconscious state, in which he remained for several days, till death ensued early on Thursday morning. The deceased started in business in Ryde some 40 years ago, and was the author and publisher of several works of local interest, and started the first newspaper ever printed in the Island. He was obliged to relinquish the enterprise, and, overweighted with duty on stamps, &c. it was a source of serious loss to him. He subsequently went to Portsmouth. On returning to the Island, he exercised his pen on topics of local interest for nearly a quarter of a century, his terse, vigorous style, his originality of thought, and his local knowledge enabling him to treat every subject in a manner which compelled attention. Mr. **HARTNALL** was in his 66th year.
