

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1938

### DEATH OF MR. A. E. TRAVES

Binstead was shocked by the sudden death on Monday of one of its most esteemed residents, Mr. **Alfred Eweart TRAVES**, of Romany Tan, Binstead Hill, at the age of 54. Mr. TRAVES was taken critically ill on Friday and he was taken to the County Hospital, where an operation was performed on Saturday, unhappily without avail.

For many years Mr. TRAVES was a hard worker in the cause of hard Methodism, and his services as a lay preacher were in demand throughout the Island. He was a man who always endeavoured to follow his Master and teach others the way to that peace of the soul that he possessed in such a high degree himself. He leaves a widow, a son Kenneth, now working in London, and a daughter, Mrs. Crighton MERRILL, who resides with her husband in Binstead. He had resided in Binstead about 19 years and he took up lay preaching in 1921. He was secretary of the Chapels Trust for the East Wight, treasurer of the Binstead Methodist Sunday School, and secretary of the Leaders Meeting.

Until a few days ago he continued to assist Mr. H. JAMES of Binstead in his building business, and he preached at the local chapel on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, two weeks ago. His passing is deeply regretted by all who had the privilege of knowing him. The funeral takes place to-day at the Methodist Church, Binstead, at 2 p.m.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1938

### FUNERAL OF MR. A. E. TRAVES

The funeral of Mr. **A. E. TRAVES**, of Romany Tan, Binstead Hill, whose death on Monday of last week at the age of 54 was reported in our last issue, took place at the Methodist Church on Thursday. The large number of public mourners present at the service evidenced the general esteem in which he was held. The Rev. A. TRIGGS conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. A. J. KEELEY, circuit superintendent, and the Rev. F. A. SMITH. Organ accompaniment was supplied by Mr. R. H. TOOGOOD, and the hymns sung were "Praise my soul" and "Guide me O thou great Jehovah." Mr. TRIGGS paid a heart felt tribute to deceased's character and work.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. A. E. TRAVES (widow) Mr. K. E. TRAVES (son) Mr. and Mrs. Crighton MERRILL (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. TRAVES (brother) Mrs. MACHIN (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. W. and Mr. and Mrs. H. JAMES (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs. W. HUNT FULLER (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. JAMES (nephew and niece), Miss. E. JAMES (niece). The interment was in a florally lined grave at the cemetery. Among the numerous tributes were those from the Methodist Church and the Binstead clubs. The members of the staff of Messrs. H. JAMES. who attended were Messrs. P. HOLBROOK, H. BOYCE, W. BOURNE, C. WICKETT, and E. BAKER. Among other present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde (Ald. and Mrs. A. F. WRIGHT), the Rev. C. S. STOOKS (rector), the Rev. F. S. FOSS, Mrs. K. MERRILL, Mr. A. ELDERFIELD ( Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Society), the Rev. A. G. LLOYD, the Rev. E. S. WILLIAMSON, Mr. H. J. COOPER, Sandown, and Mr. G. H. R. INGRAM, Ventnor (circuit stewards), Mrs. A. TRIGGS, Messrs. Heather and W. R. EASTWOOD (Messrs. Dibbens, Newport), Mr. and Mrs. E. W. POLLARD, Mr. D. WILLOTT, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. TAYLOR, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. and Mrs. T. RUSSELL, Messrs. E. HENLEY, COLLIS, and H. CAWS (St. Helen Lower Green Methodist Church), Miss D. MATTHEWS and Miss C. GREENHAM (Seaview Methodist Church), Mr. and Mrs. G. TWYMAN, Mr. and Mrs. G. SHAWYER, Mr. W. JOLLIFFE, Mr. F. MILLER, Mrs. HOBBS, Mrs. ROEBUCK, Mr. T. E. CLEAVER, Miss LOWEN, Mr. A. BLACKBURN, Mr. F. FAIRALL, Mrs. CHARITY, Mr. E. CASTLEHOUSE, Miss FAWCETT,

Mr. A. V. JACKMAN, Miss W. COLEMAN, Mrs. P. and Mr. and Mrs. W. BOYCE, Mrs. KEELEY, Mrs. BURDEN, Mrs. HOLBROOK, Miss Feast, Mr. R. FARNWORTH, Mr. P. LANGDON, Mr. SHAWYER, Mr. COOMBES, Miss TAYLOR, Mr. AISH, Mrs. HERRINGTON, Mrs. HOBBS, Mrs. SAVILL, and Mrs. JOLLIFFE.

Mr. E. VENUS directed the arrangements.

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