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Abode: Cannon Hill, Liskeard, Cornwall.

Jane Ann CHURCH. Head. Wid. 69. Liskeard, Cornwall.

Henry David MABEY. Boarder. S. 39. Primitive Methodist Lay Evangelist. Ryde, IW.

Chas. Reginald RASHLEIGH. Boarder. S. 18. Draper's Assistant. Portsmouth, Hants.

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**DEATH OF MR. H. D. MABEY OF RYDE
A DEVOTED EVANGELIST**

Methodism in the town has lost one of the most consistent and ardent advocates and workers by the death of Mr. **Henry David MABEY**, who passed away during the night of Thursday week. Mr. MABEY, who had recently been in failing health, was a bachelor who lived alone in the house where he was born at 18 Church-street, Swanmore, but both before and during the time when his health was declining he was continually being visited by friends who had called upon him on Thursday evening, when he felt quite well enough to be left without attendance. During the night, however, he passed away in his 72nd year. Early in life Mr. MABEY associated himself with the Primitive Methodist cause and was one of SPURGEON's colporteurs, following which for 26 years he travelled various parts of the country as a lay pastor for the Home Missionary department of the Primitive Methodist Missionary Society. He had a cultured voice and was very successful as a preacher and evangelist. A breakdown in health seven years ago led to his return to settle in his native town, and during this period he has occupied all the pulpits in the circuit. A most untiring worker he was always ready to take duty even at the last moment, and to give ungrudging service. He was particularly fond of engaging in work on behalf of young people, and his home was indeed Liberty Hall for any prepared to receive his counsel and guidance. In all his many activities on behalf of Methodism he revealed a quiet competence, and he was held in high esteem among all the members of his denomination.

THE FUNERAL

Took place on Monday, the first part of the service being held in the High-street Methodist Church. The Pastor (the Rev. COWIE) officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. A. HILLYAR-RUSS (Garfield-road Church). Miss DIBBENS at the organ, played "O rest in the Lord" as the coffin was carried into the church and the hymns "Jesus, sun and shield art Thou" and "There is a land of pure delight" were sung. The Rev. G. A. HILLYAR-RUSS read the lesson. In an address the Rev. R. COWIE said Mr. MABEY was a faithful and loyal servant of the Lord, and intensely interested in everything that made for the extension of His Kingdom. No one was more devoted to Christian service. His interest showed itself again and again. The pulpits of the Free Churches in the town and neighbourhood were open to

him and his interpretation of the message was acceptable to all who heard him. He took special interest in young people's services, and until the end was an active member of the Young People's Society. For many years he did excellent work in the temperance movement, when the Band of Hope was held in Star-street, and again at the Oakfield Church his labours among the boys and girls were remembered to this day. For years he was a SPURGEON's colporteur, and after exercising his gifts in that respect he was called to higher service, and for 26 years he served the ex-Primitive Methodist Missionary Society department. He laboured successfully wherever he went, and in testimony of that they had present in the church Mr. SWABY, an ex-circuit steward of the Grimsby third circuit, representing many of the churches who remembered him as an earnest and energetic lay evangelist 25 years ago. Another tribute was borne by a letter he had received from the present Missionary secretary, who was in the south-west of England and unable to be present. On returning to his native Island he gave unstinted support to everything that made for the strengthening of the church of Christ. One of the outstanding characteristics of his life was his interest in and warm affection for boys. There were a number in that town who would never forget him. He was a true friend of youth, and up to his death he still kept up correspondence with a number who he had met many miles away, and who were now grown men. He was a big brother with a large and sympathetic heart for boys whoever they were or wherever they were.

As the coffin was carried from the church the organist played the Dead March in "Saul." The chief mourners were Miss M. HALE, Mrs. A. MABEY, Sandown, Mrs. E. J. HENLEY, Lake, Miss FLUX, Sandown, Mr. and Mrs. WHEELER, Sandown, Mrs. COOPER, Freshwater, Mrs. HALE, Seaview, Mr. W. A. NEWNHAM, Freshwater, and Mr. CREAL, of Southampton (cousins), Mr. F. WHAPSHOTT, Gurnard, Mr. R. LAKE, Mrs. SAUNDERS, Mr. F. SAUNDERS, Hastings, and Mr. BARHAM, of Cowes, representing his son. Among others present were the Revs. A. C. DURHAM (vicar of St. Michael's) and J. E. THOMAS (congregational), Ald. A. ANDREWS, J.P., Ald. E. T. MINTER, J.P., Ald. G. A. BLACKALL, J.P., Messrs. S. ADAMS (circuit steward), H. V. TAYLOR, T.C., A. NICHOLLS, E. JACKSON, W. BURT, E. C. GALLOP, W. SHACKLETON (Zion Chapel, Haylands), H. BALL, A. GALE, J. H. PERKIS, A. NORRIS, J. LEWIS, R. M. and T. A. BARTLETT, Sandown, C. W. SWABY (ex-circuit steward, Grimsby 3rd circuit, now Harnford-avenue Circuit), F. BURTON, J. KING, E. P. TOPP, O. JAMES, T. H. TUTTON, W. HASCOTT, and BULL, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. RYDER (Beulah Chapel, Seaview), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. BROOKS, Mr. and Mrs. J. WHEELER, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. COOK, Mrs. COWIE, Mrs. SNOW, Miss GRAY, Mrs. E. BALL, Mrs. E. J. GATRELL, Mrs. CHESSELL, Mrs. DAY, Mrs. HOBBS, Mrs. FARMER, Mrs. BULL, Mrs. BRIDLE, Mrs. G. RYALL, Mrs. ADAMS, Miss WOODFORD, Miss ADAMS, Mrs. LAKE, Mrs. DIBBENS, and Miss GALLOP. The interment was at the Cemetery, and the collection of flowers included floral tributes from the High-street Methodist Church, the Wroxall Primitive Methodist Church, the Newport-street Christian Endeavour, and the Beulah Chapel, Seaview. Mr. F. WOODFORD was the undertaker.

THE LATE MR. H. D. MABEY

A memorial service for the late Mr. **H. D. MABEY**, who for over 50 years was associated with the Primitive Methodist Church, was held in High-street Methodist Church on Sunday morning. The Rev. R. W. COWIE officiated. A hymn "Jesus calls me," written by the deceased, was feelingly sung. Mr. COWIE said that by the passing of Mr. MABEY he had lost a great friend, it was difficult for him to believe that he had departed. He was frequently in and out of his home and they were together even on the day before he died. Now he had made the journey from which no traveller could return and had entered into his well earned rest. He had held many positions and offices of importance as society class leader, local preacher, school superintendent and president and leader of the Band of Hope, besides being a trustee and circuit steward. He was a man with the gift of speech and always took great care to express himself rightly. He was always sure of the fundamental facts of his faith. He was anxious about young people and it was interesting to watch him in the presence of boys and young men, he kept himself young with them and kept them young. His sympathies with Christian services were wide. He had a wide circle of friends and was in constant communication with those whom he had made.
