

**Congregational Worker's Death.** - Many friends, and particularly members of George Street Congregational Church where she had held many of the principal offices, heard with regret of the death at a local nursing home on Sunday of Miss **Margaret Palmer HENRY**, of Dover Gate, Dover Street. Miss HENRY, who was 74, was the daughter of a retired dentist and had lived here since childhood. She had taken a lifelong interest in the Congregational Church, where she was for some time assistant secretary and for the last four years secretary and also a member of the diaconate. In 1948 she was chairman of the Island group of the Southern District of the Congregational Union. She had edited the church magazine for many years and was hon. Secretary of the Women's Working Party. A leading temperance worker, she was the hon. Treasurer of the Island branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U., and was prominent in the former Band of Hope. She was also an active worker for the British-Israel Movement and hon. Treasurer of the Island branch. Another office which she held for several years was that of secretary of the Lay Preachers' plan for the Congregational churches in the Ryde district. As a member of the former Women's Liberal Association she had done invaluable work which, as in all the offices she held, was marked by characteristic thoroughness, a pleasant manner, and a desire to be of service to the community.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at George Street Congregational Church. The Rev. A. LAMB, of Sherborne, Dorset, officiated, and the choir led the singing of "The King of love" and "The Lord's my Shepherd." Mrs. K. INGRAM was organist. The mourners were Messrs. L.E.H. ROBERTS and J. HENRY (nephews) and Mrs. M.E. LANCHESTER (niece). Those representing the George Street Congregational Church were the Rev. J.W. KING (chairman), Messrs. W.J. TAYLOR (elder) and A.J. SAUNDERS and E. HOSKING (deacons), Mrs. ATTRILL, (representing Mr. W. ATTRILL, deacon), Mr. C. LIFE (representing Mr. K. LIFE, deacon), Mr. F.E.E. SEARLE, J.P. (choirmaster), Mrs. V.M. GILBERT (Women's Guild), and Miss COLUMBINE and Mrs. L.R. EDMUNDS (Working Party). Other Congregational representatives present were the Rev. I. PRITCHARD (chairman, Congregational Union Southern District), the Rev. H.R. FRITH (secretary, North-East Group of Churches), Mr. W.R. TOMS (Brading), Mrs. D. MERKEL (Elmfield), Miss. I. SAUNDERS (Haylands) and Mr. A. TOOGOOD (Weeks). The National British Women's Total Abstinence Union was represented by Miss M. MUSKETT (county president), Mesdames C. BOUND (county secretary), J.T. McIVER (county treasurer), and TEASDALE (Ryde branch superintendent), Miss BEVAN and Mrs. A. PASKIN (Newport branch), Mrs. W. THORBURN (East Cowes), Mrs. C.M. GRIFFIN and Miss E. YOUNG (West Wight), and Mesdames R. WILSON and B. SOTHCOTT (Bembridge); the British-Israel World Federation by the Rev. C.E. PATERSON (Island president), and Mr. and Mrs. H. SHATTOCK, and the League of White Ribboners by Mrs. A.E. HOLDER.

The interment was at Ryde Cemetery, and the floral tributes included those from George Street Congregational Church members, diaconry, choir, Working Party, and Sunday-school.

Messrs. J.H. PERKIS made the arrangements.

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