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Shopkeeper's Death. - The death occurred at her home, 35 West Street, on Sunday, of Mrs. **Agnes Lottie JONES**, aged 76, widow of Mr. Harry JONES. She was a native of Shanklin, and after the death of her husband in 1911 opened a grocery business in High street, later transferring the business to Arthur Street. The premises were destroyed in a daylight air-raid during the last war, but both Mrs. JONES and her friend and companion, Miss D. SALTER, miraculously escaped death, and after a short spell in hospital Mrs. JONES re-opened the business at 35 West Street, trading having ceased there only a fortnight ago following her illness. She was a member of George Street Congregational Church.

The Vicar (the Rev. R.H. BASSETT, R.D) officiated at the funeral at All Saints' Parish Church on Thursday. Mr. W.L. REED (organist) accompanied the singing of "Rock of ages" and "The Lord's my Shepherd." The mourners were Messrs. A. and F. KELSON (nephews), Mesdames A. DRAKE and H. HORNE (nieces), Mr. A. JACOBS (brother-in-law), Mesdames A. and F. KELSON, Mrs. R. KEMP, Mr. L. HOLLIS, Miss D. SALTER, Mrs. H. DIBBENS and Mrs. D. BUSHELL. The Congregational Church and Messrs. BRIGHTON and ROGERS were represented. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery, where the floral tributes included those from neighbours and BRIGHTON and ROGERS.

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