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Abbey Lodge-keeper's Death.- We regret to record the death, on Friday week, at the Lodge, St Cecilia's Abbey of Mr. Alfred William SMITH, aged 67. He had never fully recovered from the shock when his two sisters were burnt to death two years ago at Trowbridge, Wilts. For 30 years he was employed as a plumber by Mr. O. SCOTT, of High-street Ventnor. When the nuns removed from the Benedictine Priory, Ventnor, to St. Cecilia's 18 years ago he was appointed as lodge-keeper, and had carried out his duties with tact and efficiency. He was a conscientious workman, and sympathy is felt with his wife and family.

The Rev. Fr. DUNLOP officiated at the requiem Mass in the Abbey church on Tuesday. The monks from Quarr assisted, and the singing was led by the choir nuns. The Lady Abbess (the Rev. Mere Ambrosia COUSIN) was present. The mourners were Mr. W. H. SMITH and Lce.-Corpl. S. SMITH (sons), Miss K. SMITH (daughter), Mrs W. H. and Mrs S. SMITH (daughters-in-law), Mr. J. SMITH (grandson), Mr. C. SHAW, and Mr. CHIDWICK.

The interment was in Ryde Cemetery.

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