

## DEATH OF MR. W. ATKINSON.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. W. Atkinson, timber merchant, of Hampsthwaite, who died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Gee. Jackson, Burton Leonard. on Saturday morning. Jan. 14th. On the previous Thursday Mr. Atkinson had been to Ripon, where he had transacted business, and on his return home in the afternoon was joined at Burton Leonard by Mrs. Atkinson and his sister-in-law (Mrs. John Atkinson). They were driving in an open conveyance, and had not proceeded far when, owing to the reins falling from Mr. Atkinson's hands, it was discovered that he was seriously ill. Assistance being promptly secured, he was driven back to the home of his son-in-law. Dr. Collier, of Ripon, was immediately sent for. but on his arrival he found Mr. Atkinson partly unconscious and not able to speak, having ruptured a blood vessel over the brain. The family doctor (Dr. Saunders, of Hampsthwaite) and Dr. Allbutt, of Leeds. were also summoned to his aid, but neither of these professional gentlemen could give the least hope of his recovery. He gradually lost all consciousness, and only lived until early on Saturday morning, when he expired as already stated.

The deceased was born at Hampsthwaite and had just completed his 63<sup>rd</sup> year. The sudden occurrence of his death is much regretted, and has cast quite a gloom over the village and district round. He was highly respected and esteemed by all classes, and the people of Hampsthwaite have, by his death, lost a true and warm-hearted friend. His liberality and benevolence were untiring and unostentatious, and no one applied to him for a favour or for assistance but, if in his power, it was readily and cheerfully granted. He was also ever ready to help forward any good work for the benefit of the village, and during the last year he took a most prominent part in carrying out the erection of a substantial wall and the making of a good footpath between the village and the station, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. He was a subscriber to the Hampsthwaite National School, and for many years was a manager of the village branch of the Yorkshire Penny Bank. He was a Churchman, and in politics a Conservative.

The interment of Mr. Atkinson's remains took place at Hampsthwaite on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 2 p.m., and was attended by a very large concourse of relations and friends. The funeral procession left the house of the deceased in the following order : - Mr. Wilson (Hampsthwaite). who carried a handsome wreath sent by the tradesmen and friends in the village; the body, which was borne by the tradesmen; and then the relatives and friends of the deceased. The service was conducted throughout in an impressive manner, by the Rev. H. Deck, vicar. The choir sang the hymn, " Friend after friend departs," and as the body was being carried out of the church Miss Deck played the "Dead March in Saul " Among those present (over 400) were Mr. Jas. Powell. J.P., (Harrogate), Mr. J. Overend (Harrogate). Messrs. Powell, solicitors (Harrogate), Mr. Bell (Knaresbro'), Dr. Veale, J.P., Mr. D. Wilson (Pannal), Messrs. Renton, Mills, Mercer, and Rollinson (Liverpool), Mr. Smorfit (Darley), Messrs. J. and J. Hezmalbalch (Felliscliffe), Mr. J. Houseman (Felliscliffe), Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson (Burton Leonard). Miss Jackson (Ripon), Rev. H. Geurts (Bishop Thornton), Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Hampsthwaite), Alderman Hargrave (Ripon), Mr. J. Spence (Ripon). Mr. T. Foxton (Littlethorpe), Mr. Walter Scott (Broom Close. Boroughbridge), Mr. Jas. Atkinson (Summerbridge). Mr. P. Wilkinson (Dacre Banks). Mr. J. Gill (Harrogate). Messrs. J. Beard and J. R. Lambert. (Pontefract). &c., &c.

There were a number of choice wreaths sent by the following :- Dr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Kean, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Atkinson, Mr. Renton, Mrs. and Miss Jackson. Mrs. J. F. Wright, Mrs. John Atkinson, Mrs. Smailes and family, Mrs. and Miss M. Hattersley. Miss J. Atkinson, Mrs. Geo. Jackson. The tradesmen's wreath was placed under glass, and was composed of white porcelain flowers, such as camellias, hyacinths, and roses. The following words were inscribed on a card within the case, "A memento of affection from the trades people and friends of Hampsthwaite" The coffin was of polished oak with massive brass mountings, and bore the inscription— "William Atkinson, of Hampsthwaite, born Jan. 6th, 1825, died Jan. 14th, 1888."

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