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Other spheres of usefulness in which Mr. Tilley identified himself were: Local representative of King Edward VII.'s Memorial Committee and the Child Welfare Committee; chairman of Cowbridge and District War Savings Committee; twenty years hon. secretary of Cowbridge and District Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, twelve years Churchwarden of Cowbridge, forty years a Sunday School teacher; local military adviser for recruiting, local distributor for War Pensions, trustee of Cowbridge Institute.

The funeral, which was a very large and impressive one, took place on Saturday. The Mayor (Councillor W. Davies) and officials and members of the Corporation, together with a very large number of the general public attended; also firemen from all parts of South Wales. Among the Brigades represented were:—Aberdare, Rhondda, Pontypridd, Pentre, Mid-Rhondda, Bridgend, Maesteg, Port Talbot, Porth, and Ebbw Vale; while members of the Cowbridge Fire Brigade, in charge of Chief Officer J. W. Brown, acted as bearers. The coffin was mounted on the fire manual, and was draped with the Union Jack and literally covered with magnificent wreaths. The Cowbridge contingent of the Red Cross Society, in charge of Mrs. D. C. Edmondson, J.P., also attended. The officiating clergy were the Vicar of Cowbridge (Rev. Gilbert Williams), the Rector of Llansannon (Rev. F. Williams), and the Rector of Bonvilston (Rev. G. Thomas). After the ceremony a muffled peal was rung by the Church bell-ringers.

The family mourners were:—Mrs. Tilley (widow), Mrs. David (sister-in-law), Messrs. J. David and W. David (brothers-in-law), and Mr. Brindle (uncle).

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MACKIE.—At Warrnambool Hospital, on the 19th inst., Samuel, beloved husband of Eleanor Mackie, and loving father of Winifred (Mrs. A. Martin), Annie (Mrs. T. Faragher), Grace (Mrs. C. Freeman), Daisy (Mrs. A. Walmsley), and Allen. Aged 65 years.

RUNDELL & SON,
Funeral Directors.

Burial of Mr D. Tilley Cowbridge.

COFFIN BORNE ON FIRE MANUAL.

Firemen from all parts of South Wales attended the burial at Cowbridge Church on Saturday of Mr David Tilley, Ivy House, Cowbridge, who was thrice Mayor of Cowbridge and one of the founders of the Cowbridge Fire Brigade. Among the brigades represented were Aberdare, Rhondda, Pontypridd, Pentre, Mid-Rhondda, Bridgend, Maesteg, Port Talbot, Porth and Ebbw Vale, while members of the Cowbridge Fire Brigade acted as bearers. The coffin was mounted on the fire manual, and was draped with the Union Jack.



THE LATE
MR. D. TILLEY.

About 100 men marched at the head of the cortege, and they were in charge of Captain G. Newbery (Pentre), assisted by Captain T. H. Richards (Ebbw Vale), Lieut. T. Edwards (dist. secretary of the South Wales and Monmouthshire branch of the National Fire Brigades Association), Captain G. Rees (Maesteg), Captain Griffiths (Port Talbot), Captain Berry (Aberdare), and Captain Coates (vice-chairman of the district).

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The Mayor of Cowbridge (Councillor W. Davies) and officials and members of the Corporation attended, and there were also present Colonel H. R. Hornfray (Penallyn Castle), Messrs. T. Thomas (Stallcourt), T. J. Yorwerth, Vivian S. Gwyn, W. E. Jones, T. John, A. Evans, D. Brown, F. Mapton, E. T. Spencer, B. Whone, C. Fred Evans, W. Williams, Dr. C. Watie, Inspector Wm. Evans (Bridgend), Dr. D. J. Evans, and the Rev. B. T. Roberts (Baptist minister, Cowbridge).

The Cowbridge contingent of Red Cross workers was in charge of Mrs. D. C. Edmondson, J.P.

MACKIE. — On the 2nd July, at the Pilgrims Rest, Agnes Mackie, dearly loved cousin of Winifred Turner, of Bank street, Brunswick, aged 81 years.

Safe within the vale,
Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of His saints.