

# Death of Councillor G. H. Peet.

MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL,  
AND  
PIONEER IN THE THURSDAY HALF  
HOLIDAY MOVEMENT.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Councillor George Hardy Peet, which sad event took place at his residence, Wellington-road, on Sunday morning last. Very few of his colleagues on the Council, or his friends or the general public, know that the deceased was laid aside, and the news of his premature death came as a great shock to all. It appears that Mr. Peet suffered from varicose veins, and on December 11th he developed swelling of the legs, which necessitated the calling in of his medical attendant. The doctor ordered him to bed, so that he might rest his limbs and subdue the swelling. Although he kept his bed, the patient seemed well enough in himself, and passed a cheerful Christmas in the midst of his family. On Boxing night, when the others retired to bed, he was in a very cheery mood, and ap-



peared decidedly better; indeed, his family imagined he would soon be up and about again, so good was his apparent recovery. Early on Sunday morning, however, the deceased awoke, complaining of pains in the body. Mrs. Peet took prompt steps to endeavour to alleviate the pain, but unfortunately it was intractable, and increased rather than diminished in intensity. Quickly the patient's condition assumed an alarming aspect, and Dr. Kinmont was hurriedly summoned. Unfortunately, before he arrived, the patient was beyond human aid. The swellings had worked upwards, and a clot of blood at the heart brought a fatal termination to the attack. The cause of death was certified as "embolism of the pulmonary artery."

The late Mr. George Hardy Peet was a native of Newark, where his family have resided for many years. He was a son of the late Mr. Robert Peet, formerly in business as a printer and stationer on premises at the corner of Kirkgate and Bargate, now occupied by Mr. H. Pearson, tailor. The deceased was born in that house in 1845. At an early age he started his business career with his father as a printer. He entered the service of the late Mr. Alderman Moss, auctioneer, printer, and house furnisher, some 49 years ago. After the death of Mr. Moss the deceased succeeded to the furnishing business, which he largely extended. He built up a very good connection, especially in the hire-purchase department, with the working classes. As his trade flourished the deceased acquired the adjoining premises in Barnbygate, and extended his showrooms, carrying a very large stock of goods.

He was one of the prime movers in the agitation which culminated in the Thursday half-holiday for shop assistants, and held office in the local association as hon. treasurer. Associated with him was Dr. Hallows, as President, Mr. J. H. Smith, and others. When the Thursday Half Holiday Association held its annual excursion he was always one of the liveliest and most popular members of the party, having earned the gratitude of the shop assistants for the boon he helped to secure for them.

In Friendly Society circles locally the deceased was also very greatly esteemed, and looked up to. He was a prominent member of the "Good Intent" Lodge of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity. He had at one time or other ably discharged all the honorary offices of the Lodge with credit and distinction, and was a P.P.G.M. of the Newark District at the time of his death.

When a vacancy arose on the Town Council by the elevation of Dr. Appleby to the Aldermanic Bench in 1906, the late Mr. Peet offered his services to the electors of the South Ward, and was returned to the chamber unopposed. He did a quiet and useful work there, and was re-elected without opposition at the November election. As a member of the Fire Brigade Committee, Mr. Peet was assiduous in his attendance at the meetings, and took a lively interest in the Brigade's efficiency and welfare. His interest in the education of the young led him to devote time to the work of the Education Committee, and he served as one of the managers of the Lover's-lane Council School, also as a member of the Attendance Committee. His genial and kindly presence will be much missed by his colleagues. The deceased leaves a widow and family of ten grown-up children, two sons and five daughters.

The funeral takes place at the Cemetery on Thursday at 2.45 p.m.

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