

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR G. CHERRY

Quite a shock was experienced in Gisborne on Sunday, when it became known that Mr Geo. Cherry, who went to a private hospital in Melbourne a few days before to be operated on for an internal complaint, was dead. All internal operations are of course, serious, and it was not anticipated that the operation on Mr Cherry would have such a result. The operation, which was performed on Friday, appeared to be successful but about 24 hours afterwards the patient collapsed and died, as stated.

Mr George Cherry was a native of Gisborne, where he was born 59 years ago. After the death of his father some years ago, the well-known firm of Cherry and Sons was floated with a company, of which the deceased became managing director, a position he held up to the time of his death. During his lifetime he held several public positions in Gisborne. He was a member of the town council for many years, and was once president of that body. He was also a member of the Gisborne Water Board, and when that body became inactive he was again returned. As treasurer of the Mechanics' Institute, he took a deep interest in that body. He was also treasurer and organist of St. Paul's Church of England for about 30 years. Throughout his life he proved to be a man of honour and integrity, and was popular on account of his agreeable disposition. He will certainly be missed, not only by the members of his family, to whom deep sympathy will be felt, but also by the ratepayers whose interests he served.

The body was brought in a motor car on Monday, and placed in St. Paul's church, where an in memoriam service was conducted by the vicar.

The funeral took place on Monday, when the remains were interred in the Gisborne cemetery. There was a large attendance. The funeral service was conducted at the graveside by the Rev. F. Miller, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Chase, a former incumbent. With the coffin there was a large number of wreaths and floral emblems.

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