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Obituary Notice

Mr Ishmael Hamblin

We regret to announce the death of Mr Ishmael Hamblin, of the Cottage, Ashton Vale, who had many friends in Bristol, especially on the Bedminster side. He was in his 70th year. All through his life he had enjoyed consistently good health, but a few weeks ago he became unwell, and the doctor, finding he had overtaxed his strength, advised complete rest. He passed away peacefully on Saturday night.

Mr Hamblin, who was the son of a colliery manager at Coleford, near Frome, was born on the 23 March 1852, and married in 1878 a daughter of Mr John King, for 40 years permanent way inspector of the Bristol and Exeter and the Great Western Railways. In the seventies he assisted in the management of the Seend Iron Works, near Melksham, and later he entered the service of the Ashton Vale Iron Company, of which he became secretary in 1890. He was one of the founders of the Bedminster Co-operative Society, a member of the Long Ashton Parish Council, of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association, and of the West of England Temperance Benefit Society, and a deacon of the Congregational Church at Long Ashton, where he was instrumental in having a new church built. By reason of his long association with the coal and iron industry, Mr Hamblin was known as an authority on the subject, and his advice was frequently sought in the business, besides which his services were often requisitioned as an expert witness. His knowledge of the local coalfield and its difficulties was probably unequalled.

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