

Mount Charles Victims

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It is now almost certain that Mr. W. H. Nancarrow and Mr. Alex. Robins have gone down with the ill-fated liner. Hopes were held that at least Mrs. Robins might have secured a place in the rescue boats, but now the Carpathia has reached the shore it is all too probable that she went down with her husband. Though Mr. and Mrs. Robins have been absent from this country for a great number of years, a large circle of friends greeted them on their arrival last autumn. While in the district Mr. Robins, who was possessed of a genial disposition, made a host of new friends, and was a familiar figure in the district. When he decided on the date on which he would be return to the country of his adoption, and found that it was necessary to travel on the Titanic, it is said that he was somewhat troubled in his mind, having an objection to going on a maiden voyage.

Mr. W. H. Nancarrow was a son of the late Mr. Thomas Nancarrow, of Buckler, and followed the occupation of engine driver. He was well known in the district as a singer of some ability, and frequently made the rounds of the neighbourhood with carolers at Christmas time. He was going out to seek his fortune in company with Mr. Robins. With his wife and family of eight children much practical sympathy has been felt, and it is probable that at some of the chapels in the locality offertories will be taken on their behalf.

The Rev. J. T. Morris, preaching in the Primitive Methodist Church, made reference to the Titanic disaster, and expressed sympathy with the bereaved in the district. The hymn played as the ill-fated ship was sinking was sung by the congregation.

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