

Dorney Parish News
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PERCY NEVILLE HAWTHORN.

On Sunday evening, November 25th, occurred the death of Mr. P.N. Hawthorn, of "Cranmere", Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach, after a long and extremely painful illness, most bravely borne. The writer, as his next door neighbour, has cause to know how kind and welcoming Mr. Hawthorn was to him and his family, when they came new to Dorney ten years ago. He himself had been one of the first residents of Dorney Reach, his father having had the three houses built simultaneously.

Neville Hawthorn was a man of great intelligence, with decisive opinions of his own, a dislike for idleness and deceit and with a great sense of humour. He served in the 1914-18 war and his tall erect figure marching down his garden with Judy, the spaniel, at his heels, was still soldierly. He loved gardening and it was a pleasure to pause awhile in one's digging or planting for a chat over the fence, not least to hear his reminiscences about Dorney of years gone by.

His last days were passed in very great pain and yet within a few hours of his death, he summoned up the strength to whisper to me how kind it was to come and see him. He was courageous and courteous to the last and we are the poorer for the passing of a Christian gentleman.

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