FIREMAN'S FUNERAL – 1898

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Edward James Fright was buried in Birchington Churchyard on **December 19th 1898**. He was 32 years old. Edward was in the Birchington Fire Brigade and was given a fireman's funeral and honoured by the presence of many of his colleagues from other forces as well as all his own crew members. He died from pneumonia, contracted after attending a local fire just a couple of weeks before, where he had got thoroughly soaked.

He was the son of **James Fright**, landlord of the "New Inn" on the north side of Birchington Square, who had died just five weeks previously and was buried on **November 16th 1898** aged 54.