

PEMBLE Victor – A. 161

Victor Pemble was the Captain of Birchington Fire Brigade for a number of years. While he was member of the brigade they reached the dizzy heights of winning the all England trophy at the Crystal Palace in 1913. There were a number of Pemble families in the village at this date, all of whom played their part in leadership in one way or another. He is seen on the right in this photo taken outside the Birchington Fire Brigade Depot at what is now the Station Garage. Victor never married so he ended his life living with his brother-in-law in Pembroke Lodge, Alpha Road, just across the road from the Depot. The family grave is on the high ground on the left of the path from the south porch down to Church House. It stands tall and keeps getting covered in ivy! Victor's name is almost at the foot of the stone.



The inscription of the monument states:-

'Sacred to the memory of Sarah Alexandra Pemble, who died 22nd Sept 1884, aged 21 years.'

"Watch and pray for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

'Also of Sarah Pemble, mother of the above, who fell asleep 5 Oct 1901, aged 69 years.'

"Loving and loved one, thy race is run,
Nobly and well has thy work been done.
Mother, thy children's prayers shall be
To walk in the path that was trodden by thee."

'Also of James Pemble who passed peacefully away 10 Jan 1910, in his 72nd year.'

"R. I. P."

'Also of James Victor Pemble, died 28 Mar 1926 aged 59 years.'

"Ever in our thoughts"

'Ellen Louisa Read, died 14 June 1947 aged 76'

Footstone	S P	1901
	S A P	1884
	J P	1910
	J V P	1926