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FUNERAL OF MR. H. V. SANDFORD. Violinist for Over Thirty Years.

The funeral has taken place al. Burslem Cemetery of Harry Victor Sandford, violinist of Burslem, whose death occurred at the age of 48.

Mr. Sandford, who was a well-known professional musician, started his musical career at the age of eleven as a member of Mr. John Winkle's Band at Burslem. For 12 years he was first violinist in the orchestra at the Theatre Royal, Hanley. and was leader of the orchestra at Barber's Picture Palace, Tunstall, for 14 years. Recently, Mr. Sandford was the recipient of a gift to mark his completion of 25 years' work in connection with the musical activities of the Primitive Methodist Church, Dalehall. He had also been a regular artist for many years at the annual reunions of members of St. Joseph Church, Burslem.

MUSICIANS AS BEARERS.

The principal mourners were Mr. Jack Sandford and Mr. James Sandford (uncles), Mr. Torn Parr, Mr. John Sandford, Mr. W. Parr. Mr. W. Boughey, Mr. It, Kerry, Mr. W. Gibson, Mr. Grocott and Mr. W. Jones.

Musician friends of Mr. Sandford—Messrs. Dwyne, Mollart, Slater and Copestick--acted as pall bearers.

There were also present a large number of friends and members of the general public.

Among the many floral tributes were those from the Members, Choir and children of the Primitive Methodist Church, Dalehall; All at the Palace, Tunstall; and All at Longport-road.

The funeral arrangements carried out by Mr. T. Beech, of Burslem.

