

Joseph Bevis

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Death of Mr. Joseph Bevis, of Newport

Another link with the past has been severed by the regretted death of a highly respected townsman of Newport, Mr. Joseph Bevis, who expired somewhat suddenly at his residence, in High-street, during the night of Thursday last, at the age of 76. Though for some time past deceased's health had shown signs of breaking, his friends had no apprehension of the imminence of any fatal result. So recently as the early part of the present week his familiar figure was seen in the streets as usual, but about two days before his demise indisposition compelled him to take to his bed, from which he never rose again. When left to take his night's rest late on Thursday evening no alarming symptoms were manifest, but early yesterday morning it was discovered that he had passed peacefully away in his sleep, death being attributed to a paralytic seizure. Born on the same day as the Queen, in the house in which he died, the late Mr. Bevis spent the whole of his life in his native town, where his estimable qualities had secured him many friendships and won universal respect. In his business of builder and undertaker, recently relinquished, he was well known throughout the Island, whilst he devoted no inconsiderable portion of his life to the public service. Entering the Town Council in 1880, his practical experience and conscientious discharge of duty proved very valuable in the conduct of municipal affairs, from which he voluntarily retired after the lapse of six years. For many years he was a valued colleague on the local Assessment Committee, and he was also for the last six years one of the Grammar School trustees. He was a member of the Hand in Hand Friendly Society. A great lover of music and a vocalist of no mean order, the late Mr. Bevis will be sadly missed from the Newport Choral Society, of which he was a warm supporter and a valued committeeman, and his death is also a loss to the choir of the Congregational Church, where he was a regular attendant from his early days till the last. In politics he was a stanch Liberal, but party matters apparently never disturbed his equanimity. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the community in their sorrow. The funeral takes place on Monday next at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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