

Elizabeth Janet Crews

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The Late Miss E. J. Crews. ---- A former well-known head teacher, Miss Elizabeth Janet Crews, aged 79, of 58 Trafalgar Road, died on Friday week. She had taught at Cowes and Newport, becoming head teacher at the Nodehill Girls` School (later the Priory Girls` School) in 1933. Since her retirement in 1950 she had always taken a keen interest in the activities of the school and in younger children, notably as a manager of Nine Acres Infants` School. Miss Crews was well known as a member of the former Primitive Methodist Church in Pyle Street and more recently as an active worker for Quay Street Methodist Church. She was a trustee of the Quay Street and Carisbrooke Methodist Churches, a class leader and West Wight circuit treasurer for many years and a representative on the Newport Council of Churches. Music, drama and young people provided a combination of interests for Miss Crews at the I.W. Musical Festival, where she regularly did duty as steward. Her many acts of kindness included visiting the sick and elderly at St. Mary`s Hospital. A service at Quay Street Methodist Church on Wednesday was followed by cremation. The Rev. W. H. Read officiated. The mourners were Mrs. R. E. Jackson (sister), Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Best, Mr. E. Crews and Mrs. E. Hazell (nephews and nieces), Mrs. M. Butt and Mrs. G. L. Taylor (cousins), Mrs. D. Grist and Miss K. Gill-Martin. Representatives of staff, pupils and governors of Priory Secondary Girls` School and the managing body of Nine Acres Infants` School, and several old students were among those present. The arrangements were made by Mr. A. E. Wyatt.

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