

Ethel Marie Dabell

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**WELL-KNOWN NEWPORT
BUSINESS WOMAN**

Death of Mrs. C. M. Dabell

The death, early on Wednesday at her home, West Mill House, Carisbrooke Road, Newport, of Mrs. Ethel Marie Dabell, widow of Mr. C. Morris Dabell, removes a prominent resident of the Island capital, who for over 40 years had been associated with one of the best-known businesses in the town.

Mrs. Dabell was a native of Cheltenham. Her late husband, who had gained experience of the trade with three large London stores, took over the Lillipution warehouse at 57 High Street, Newport, from Miss Wilcox in 1911, the year following his marriage, and with his wife's able and devoted assistance, built up one of the Island's best known fashion stores.

The business expanded rapidly from small beginnings, taking in premises opposite at 101 High Street, and later at 58 High Street. In 1935 the main shop was completely rebuilt with an imposing frontage to High Street, spacious windows, and an arcade. Mrs. Dabell devoted all her interests to the business and as recently as last week supervised one of the popular fashion shows held there from time to time.

Mr. Dabell died in March, 1952, while on a health tour of South Africa. Mrs. Dabell leaves a daughter (Mrs. H. G. Edwards) and a son. The funeral takes place to-day; service at the Parish Church, Newport, at 11.30 a.m.

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The Late Mrs. C. M. Dabell.— The funeral of Mrs. C. M. Dabell, of West Mill House, took place on Saturday. At the service in the Parish Church former and present members of the staff of Dabell's Store and representatives from many businesses attended. The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), officiated and the service included the hymn, "Let Saints on Earth" and the 23rd Psalm. Miss Kathleen Lower, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., was the organist and the choir led the singing.

Interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Mr. Alan Dabell (son), Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Edwards (son-in-law and daughter), Miss M. Dabell (sister-in-law), and Major A. Dabell and Messrs. D. and R. Dabell (cousins).

Organizations represented were the Salvation Army and the Newport Carnival Committee. There were numerous floral tributes including those from Mrs. Dabell's household staff and the staffs of the senior and junior departments of Dabell's Store. Messrs. H. and F. Damp were responsible for the arrangements.

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