

Cicely Temple Erith

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A SAD BEREAVEMENT.--Profound sympathy has been aroused with Mr. P. W. F. Erith, of 28 Medina-avenue, a member of the staff of the Secondary School, on the death of his wife, which occurred at the County Hospital early on Easter Monday morning, from peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis, which was performed on Thursday week. Mrs. Cicely Temple Erith, who was only 27, was very well known in the town as the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Read, of the Wheatsheaf Hotel. She was taken ill on Sunday, April 5th, and a very sad circumstance connected with her death is that during her illness her only child, a daughter aged 14 months, was away having treatment at a London hospital. Mrs. Erith was a popular member of the Newport Operatic and Dramatic Society, the Newport Golf Club, and the branch of the Junior Imperial League. She was keenly interested in games and joined fully in her family's support of coursing and other field sports. She and her husband have both been actively associated with the work of the Operatic Society, and only a few weeks ago they took part in the successful production of a mock trial at the Queen's-hall. In all her associations Mrs. Erith displayed a spirit of kindly helpfulness and consideration for others which won her much affection, and her untimely death is deplored by a large number of friends, who deeply sympathise with her husband, parents, and other relatives. The extent of these feelings of regret and sympathy was demonstrated by the large gathering of mourners and the particularly beautiful display of about 100 floral tributes at the funeral on Wednesday. A service was held at the Parish Church and the interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) officiating in the absence from the Island of the Vicar of Newport. Mourning shutters were general in the town. The chief mourners were Mr. P. W. F. Erith, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Read, Miss Joan Read (sister), Mr. J. Read (brother), Mr. R. Harris (brother-in-law), Mr. F. Read and Mrs. Ferguson (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. W. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. H. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. C. Matthews and Mr. E. Matthews (uncles and aunts), Mr. F. Warsap, Mrs. K. Westmore, Miss D. Wray, Mrs. Meaden, Mr. B. Jones and Miss P. Jones, and Miss D. Lee (maid). Others present included Mr. N. A. Y. Yorke-Lodge, M.A. (principal of the Newport County Secondary School), Miss F. J. Monk, B.A. (late principal), Messrs. H. Waterson, H. J. Davies, H. C. Daw, and Miss Damp (members of the School staff), and a dozen senior pupils, Mr. and Mrs. N. Francis, Mrs. Yorke-Lodge, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Daw, Mrs. A. H. Dockrill, Miss Warsap, Mrs. E. F. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chiverton, Mrs. R. J. Eldridge, Mrs. F. Ewin, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. P. E. Shields, Mrs. F. W. Dudley, Mrs. Woodward (Gattombe), Capt. And Mrs. H. H. Lee, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Mearman, Mrs. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Denham, Miss Joan Denham, Miss Cave, Mrs. M. C. Jolliffe, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. D. Wheatley, Mrs. Dimmick, Ald. A. E. Harvey, Mr. H. Harvey and Miss P. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Early, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Gwilliam, the Misses Wood, Mr. G. H. Arthur, junior, Ald. and Mrs. W. Blake, Miss Dore, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. D. Biles, Mrs. H. Biles, Mrs. and Miss Dunning, Mrs. C. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Guy, Mrs. Woodland, Mrs. Hobby, Mr. G. and Miss Yelf, Mrs. Green, Mrs. and Miss Brett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Groundsell, Mrs. S. A. Barton, Dr. W. S. Wallace (representing the Newport Gold Club), Messrs. J. B. Alderslade (president), G. Heal (hon. secretary), and S. H. Burgess, Newport Literary Society; Messrs. R. J. Farrant and E. W. Nott

(joint hon. secretaries), and G. E. Tomlinson, Newport Amateur Operatic Society; Mr. W. Rodway, Sandown Secondary School Staff; Messrs H. W. Minns (hon. secretary), and C. H. Cowdery (hon. treasurer), I.W. County Coursing Club; Capt. H. A. Drudge, and Messrs. W. J. Whittington, W. J. Rugg, W. C. Black, H. W. Horan, Scott Blake, R. A. Holmes, A. H. Rowland, junior, E. R. Dore, C.C, J. Kirby, G. Matthews, J. Dufton, E. Wood, H. W. Lincoln, A. E. Knight, L. Jordan, W. J. Nott, W. Newnham, and J. Watt. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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