

Arthur Edward Kemp

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SUDDEN DEATH IN THE STREET

AT NEWPORT.

The death took place with tragic suddenness as he was walking near the Town-hall at about 11.15 a.m. on Saturday of Mr. Arthur Edward Kemp, aged 53, tailor, of 15 Trafalgar-road, who was well known and much esteemed in the town. Mr. Kemp had been medically attended during the last month or so for anaemia, which it was feared had affected his heart, but he was considerably better, and on Saturday morning left his home to measure a customer for a suit of clothes. As he was passing the entrance to the Town-hall to proceed down Quay-street he suddenly staggered and fell. The new Chief Constable (Capt. C. D. Robertson), who was just leaving the Town-hall after having been sworn in, saw him fall and ran to the Police Station for assistance. Inspector Randall and P.C. Jacobs carried Mr. Kemp into the Town-hall entrance and Dr. J. B. McKay was immediately summoned, but life was extinct, death having been almost instantaneous. The deceased's medical attendant, Dr. C. K. Sylvester, was able to give a certificate that death was due to heart failure and an inquest was therefore unnecessary. Mr. Kemp was the only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kemp, of Chapel-street, and with them and his widow and daughter the deepest sympathy is felt in their unexpected bereavement. For many years Mr. Kemp was employed by the late Mr. H. E. Hawkins, of the Lower High street, but he had carried on business at home since that business was closed. In his younger days he was a popular and skilful forward in the old Newport Excelsior and Newport Reserves Football teams. At one time, too, he was an excellent billiard player, assisting the Liberal Club team. With his father, he was many years a bass singer in the Quay-street Methodist Church Choir, and during the war he served at his trade in the Army. His genial friendliness gained him the warm regard of all who knew him and his early death under such tragic circumstances is much deplored. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being held in St. Thomas's Church.

The Rev. J. W. F. Wayet (rector of Gatcombe) officiated and Mr. E. H. Abraham (organist of Gatcombe Church) accompanied the singing of hymns "Jesu, lover of my soul." and "There is a land of pure delight." and played Handel's "Largo" as the cortege left the church. The internment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The family mourners were the widow, Miss Billie Kemp (daughter), Mr. E. J. Kemp (father), Miss E. Bull (sister-in-law), Mrs. H. Taylor (aunt), Mrs. Jackaman (Guildford), Mrs. England (Ryde), Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sibbick, Mrs. E.W. Dabell, and Mr. J. E. Lockhart. Those also present included the following members of the Hants and General Friendly Society, of which deceased's father is the local agent: Messrs. G. Long, R. Lane, E. Huck, R. Parsons, A. Cuthbert, C. Brewer, I. W. Pitman, and A. P. Knight. Others present were Mr. F. Chiverton (representing Messrs. Upward and Rich, Ltd., Miss. Kemp's employers), Mr. G. Tomlinson, Mr. C. Wyatt, Miss Webb, Miss Hobby, and Mesdames Brewer, Lane, W. Cave, Howard, and E. E. Abraham. There were between 30 and 40 floral tributes, including wreaths from the Quay-street Methodist Church choir and organist: the intermediate and junior tennis sections of the Newport Victoria Sports Club: Newport Victoria Sports Club and carnival friends: and the directors and staff of Messrs. Upward and Rich. Messrs. O, C. Hamilton and sons carried out the arrangements. — Mrs. A. E. Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kemp wish to express their grateful appreciation of the many kind messages of sympathy and to thanks those sending floral tributes.

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