

Mary Moorman

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SIXTY YEARS A SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER

This was the noble record of Miss Mary Moorman, of 33 Chapel-street, who passed away on Saturday after only two days' illness, aged 84. Miss Moorman had been a teacher in the girls' department of the St. Thomas's Sunday-school for that very long period, having served under seven vicars, from Canon Connor to the Rev. W.M.B. Hogg. The Sunday-school was her only interest outside her home and church, and her kindness and devotion won her the love of all her pupils. She took her class as usual on the Sunday before her death. Miss Moorman resided with her twin sister (Miss Martha Moorman) and her niece (Miss Jolliffe). She was a daughter of Mr. William Moorman, founder of the furnishing and upholstery business in Nodehill.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the service in the Parish Church being conducted by the Rev. C.L.H. Beardmore. Mr. A.H. Griffiths accompanied the singing of the hymn "Children of the Heavenly King." The chief mourners were: Miss Martha Moorman (twin sister), Miss Jolliffe and Mrs. Waters (nieces), and Miss Jackman. The St. Thomas's Sunday-school was represented by the following teachers: The Misses E. Webb, E. and H. Snow, Caplehorn, M. White, Kennedy, M. Snow (superintendent of the infants' department), Norris, Dore, Bricknell, and Odell, and Mr. Caplehorn (superintendent of the boys' department). Others attending were Mr. E. J. White (vicar's warden) and Mrs. White, Mr. F. Chiverton (Bible Class), Miss Liddell (headmistress of the C.E. girls' and infant' school) and two senior scholars, Mrs. and the Misses J. Snow, Colson, Underwood, and Newland, and Mr. W. Upton.

The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The floral tributes included a wreath from the superintendent, teachers (past and present), and children of St Thomas's Sunday-school. Miss M. R. Webb was prevented from attending by indisposition. At a meeting of the Sunday-school teachers after the service, Mr. White paid tribute to Miss Moorman's long and devoted service, and a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives. Miss Moorman and Miss Jolliffe gratefully acknowledge the many messages of sympathy received and also the beautiful floral tributes.

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