Joseph Morrison Newland

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF THE REV. MORRISON NEWLAND. —We have to record the death of the Rev. J. Morrison Newland, who, suffering from a malady which had long seemed to be sapping away both body and mind, had gone to London for advice and treatment, and there he passed away, suddenly at the last, early in the present week. Mr. Newland's connection with St. James's-street Congregational Church commenced towards the end of the year 1871, though we believe he was not formally invited to undertake the pastorate until May, 1872. He continued his ministry to the end of 1876, but for some months prior to his actual resignation he had been incapacitated from active work. His association with St. James's-street will be made memorable by the facts that the improvements to the church lately completed were originated by him, and that he, too, initiated the project for the erection of the proposed Binney Memorial Schools. After taking up his residence in Newport the late Mr. Newland, by the exhibition of many sterling qualities, rapidly won the profound respect of all who were brought into contact with him. He was a man of great intellectual capacity, intense earnestness, and a love and power of work which knew no abatement while his strength lasted. He longed to be of use in his generation, and this deep-rooted desire, which amounted almost to a passion with him, led him to undertake labour which, as the sequel has all too sadly shown, overtaxed his strength and resulted in his premature prostration. As an illustration of what may be termed his extra-ministerial efforts, we might point to that remarkable series of Sunday afternoon lectures which he specially addressed to the labouring classes, with whom he had the keenest and sincerest sympathy. The importance he attached to Sunday schools and the active personal interest he manifested in everything relating to their welfare will also be borne in remembrance. Though called away in the prime of his years, he had done good service in his time, and the influence of it will abide and serve to keep alive the memory of a true, and zealous, and self-sacrificing worker. The remains of the lamented deceased will be brought from London for interment in the cemetery at Carisbrooke.

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THE LATE REV. J. M. NEWLAND. — The remains of the Rev. J. Morrison Newland, pastor of St. James's Congregational Chapel, were followed to the grave in Carisbrooke Cemetery, on Wednesday, by a numerous body of Dissenting ministers and friends, which included nearly all the Congregational ministers of the Island and the Rev. E. Boucher James, M.A., Vicar of Carisbrooke. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Davis, of Ventnor, assisted by the Rev. F. Trestrail, of Newport, Baptist minister.

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