## **Cecil Edgar Pritchett**

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## **NEWPORT**

Death of Mr. C. E. Pritchett.- Much regret is expressed at the death on Monday of Mr. Cecil Edgar Pritchett, of Bleak House, Cowes-road, at the age of 38. The second son of the late Mr. W. E. Pritchett and of Mrs. Pritchett, of Gunville-road, Carisbrooke, he was for some 20 years a member of staff of Messrs. Stratton, solicitors, of Pyle-street. For two years he had been completely incapacitated by illness and was devotedly nursed by his wife, formerly Miss M. Hebdidge, whom he married 11 years ago. He will be affectionately remembered by followers of motor-cycle sport in the Island as one of the early members of the I.W. Automobile Club and a keen and regular entrant in events organised by the club. Much sympathy is felt with his widow and family at his passing at so early an age. The funeral was on Thursday, a service being held at Northwood Church and the interment in Carisbrooke cemetery. The Rev. W. E. Longney (Rector of Northwood) officiated, and the mourners were Mrs. Pritchett (widow), Mrs. W. E. Pritchett (mother), Mr. P. V. Pritchett (brother), Mr. Hebdidge (father-in-law), Messrs. H. E. and F. J. Pritchett and A. Bennett, sen. (uncles), and F. and L. Pritchett and A. Bennett (cousins). Those attending also included Mr. H. E. Stratton, his late employer, Mrs. S. Stagg, Miss E. J. Ablitt, Messrs. C. F. Stagg, E. Durbridge, H. Arnold, J. Taylor, P. Greenhill, and M.Comer, Mr. L. H. Morgan (representing the local lodge of Oddfellows), Mr. P. E. Whiston and Capt. R. G. Clarke (office colleagues), Messrs. A. E. Buckett and H. Connelly, of the R.D.C. office staff (the former also representing Mr. A. A. Whitfield, clerk to the R.D.C.), Mr. R. Breaker (Messrs. James Eldridge and Son), Mr. W. Dowden (Messrs. Roach, Pittis and Co.), and Messrs. B. and H. Y. Groundsell. Mr. W. L. Pritchett, deceased's eldest brother, was unable to attend, as he is serving with the B.E.F. There were some 30 floral tributes. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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