

Frederick Arthur Reeves

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. F. Reeves.—It is with great regret that we record the death on Sunday of one of the older members of the staff of the *County Press*, Mr. Frederick Reeves, of 14 Drill Hall-road, in his 69th year. He joined the composing staff of the *County Press* 45 years ago, at the age of 23, and served continuously with hardly a day's illness until the beginning of June of this year, when he had to seek hospital treatment for a swelling in his neck and stomach trouble. The former was cured, but he gradually suffered more and more from the internal disorder and was ultimately prevented from taking solid food.

Mr. Reeves was very popular amongst his workmates. He was a man of the kindest disposition, who never spoke an ill word of anyone and was always ready to give a helping hand to others. He was for many years engaged in advertisement display work and was an excellent all-round compositor.

Mr. Reeves, who had never been married, was a Newportonian, his father being the proprietor of the blacksmith's shop at Snooke's-hill. He was a very regular worshipper at the Parish Church, one of the oldest members of the Literary Society, and a former member of the Conservative Club, taking a keen interest in bowls on the club green at the back of its former premises in the High-street, where Woolworth's Store now stands.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Seymour Glynn) officiating at a service at the Parish Church and at the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The principal mourners were Messrs. W. F. and H. Barber, with whom the deceased resided. The *County Press* was represented by Mr. G. A. Brannon (managing director), Lieut.-Col. C. W. Brannon, M.C., T.D. (deputy-manager), and Mr. W. H. Dann, B.A., J.P. (editor), and the following members of the staff: Messrs. G. R. Barrett, W. H. and C. W. Baker, and C. S. Crowther (office staff), W. G. Sibbeck, G. S. H. Allen, and L. F. Rodaway (editorial department), H. T. Smith and Miss B. Hobbs (reading department), Messrs. E. Melhuish, C. Eldridge, W. P. Wickenden, P. Morgan, R. H. Allen, B. P. R. Smith, S. E. Leigh, R. Hannam, R. Cole, R. Tankard, and D. Slade (news composing department), R. T. Lawn, senior, G. Jolliffe, C. Gifford, R. T. Lawn, junior, R. Montgomery, R. Dore, J. Coombes, and B. Pittman (machine department), C. Young, P. Appel, J. Edwards, T. Saunders, J. Rolf, and C. Sheaf (jobbing department), and A. W. Spanner (formerly of the news composing department).

Those also present were Mesdames C. Eldridge, H. Matthews, P. Morgan, Chiverton, and Dacombe, Ald. W. Blake J.P., (with whose firm Mr. Reeves was apprenticed), Messrs. J. B. Alderslade, C. V. Cheverton, and L. Morgan (representing the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows), and Messrs. W. A. Furmage, A. Snow, E. R. Dore, C.C., J. H. Black, E. A. Huck, F. Chiverton, F. Middleton, S. Elliott, W. Watson, L. A. Swalthy, and W. Upton.

There were about 20 lovely floral tributes, including those inscribed: "From the directors of the *County Press*, in token of sincere regard for a faithful and capable member of their staff", and "In happy remembrance of a faithful friend and loyal colleague, one whose quiet helpfulness was an example— from the staff of the *County Press*".

Messrs. Nobbs and Scott made the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber wish to thank the many friends for kind inquiries and for lovely flowers sent, also the nurses and Dr. Bruce for their kind attention.