

## **Helen Irene Ruddle**

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### **NEWPORT**

**Death of Miss Ruddle.**--The death took place at Yarmouth on Tuesday of Miss Helen I. Ruddle, of Clatterford-road, Carisbrooke. She was the younger daughter of the late Rev. James Ruddle, minister at the Unitarian Christian Church for nine years. After the death of her mother she ably assisted her father in his task and, after his retirement, maintained her keen interest in the church. Later she was appointed church secretary, an office which she occupied for some 15 years. Miss Ruddle was most meticulous in every act, painstaking, and loyal. Her enthusiasm expressed itself in much steady and quiet service and she was an invaluable help to the Rev. Gordon Cooper throughout his 12 years' ministry. Miss Ruddle was much beloved by the congregation, which finds its ranks once again depleted by the loss of a faithful member. Her interests were not confined to church activities, as she was for long a devoted member of the Carisbrooke Women's Institute, being secretary for a number of years. She was also a supporter of the District Nursing Association and occupied with great success the office of a collector. Not strong physically, she was compelled under medical advice to relinquish these duties about two years ago. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and there will be a memorial service in the Unitarian Church on Sunday morning.

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