

Robert Stevens

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. Robert Stevens.—The death took place at Edinburgh Lodge, Mount Pleasant-road (the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Upward) on Saturday, in his 85th year, of Mr. Robert Stevens, of 54 Fairlee-road, who will be remembered as the able and sympathetic Police Court probation officer for some years after his retirement from the Prison Service.

He had been lying seriously ill since the death of his wife in October at the age of 87, after 63 years of married life. Mr. Stevens was a member of the hospital staff at Parkhurst Prison for 32 years, and was hospital principal officer when he retired 23 years ago. He was awarded the King's Imperial Service Medal for an exemplary record, and on celebrating their diamond wedding three years ago he and his wife were honoured by a telegram of congratulation from Their Majesties.

He had been a worshipper at the Congregational Church throughout his long residence in the Newport district and the funeral service was held there on Wednesday. The Rev. D. Hendy Davies officiated in the presence of many friends of the deceased and the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. W. Upward (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. H. Stevens, of Smethick, Birmingham (son), Mr. E. H. Upward (grandson), and Mrs. J. H. Flux.

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