

Emily Louisa Taylor

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Fatal Fall in 92nd Year.---The Coroner (Mr. R. A. Webster) held an inquest at Forest House on Monday into the death of a 91-year-old patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Emily Louisa Taylor, of 79 Castle-road. Nurse W. W. Smith stated that when she examined the patient after she had had a fall from her bed she found her to be suffering from a fractured left femur. She died on Friday September 20th. Dorothy Winifred Flux, of Marks Corner, assistant nurse, said she was on part-time duties at the hospital. She found the patient on the floor beside her bed at 10 p.m. on September 10th and from the state of the bed-clothes concluded that she had fallen out of bed. As she had sometimes tried to get out of bed it was the practice to place chairs by the bedside to prevent this, but there were no chairs in position when witness found her on the floor, as final arrangements for the night had not been completed. Dr. Peskett said death was due to myocardial degeneration accelerated by the fall. In recording a verdict accordingly the Coroner said he would like it to be known that there was no blame attaching to the nursing staff. The contrary, in fact, was the case, as everything possible was done for the old lady. The funeral of Miss Taylor, who was formerly for many years an esteemed resident in Castle-road, took place on Tuesday, the service being held at St. John's Church and the interment following at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie) officiated. The chief mourners were Messrs. A. J. and E. J. Taylor (brothers), Mesdames L. W. Padwick and P. Verry (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor (nephew and niece), and Miss B. Padwick. Others present included Mr. H. E. and Miss Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, Mesdames E. Bowles and B. P. R. Smith, the Misses Pring, Newbery, and Midlane, and Mr. F. Gwilliam. In addition to the family wreaths, tributes were sent by Mr. and Miss C. Stratton; Mr. and Mrs. Pointer; Mr. and Mrs. Wale; Miss Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. Cruttwell; Mr. and Mrs. Twyman; all at Oxford Villa and Miss J. Newbery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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