

Frank Bampfylde Tuttiett

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DEATH OF MR F. B. TUTTIETT.----Another has been added to the "old familiar faces" who are no longer with us. Mr. F. B. Tuttiett, known and esteemed for a whole generation as one of Newport's most skilled medical practitioners, died on Thursday last, at the age of 79. The deceased gentleman retired from practice a few years since, and he had been for some time in failing health. In the course of his long professional career he held several public appointments, including the medical officership of health for the borough, and he was connected with the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows almost from the date of its formation. He was held in warm regard by a wide circle of friends, who will retain a pleasant recollection of him, and their sincerest sympathy will be extended to the members of the bereaved family.

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THE LATE MR. F. B. TUTTIETT.

The death of this esteemed gentleman---of whose career we shall give some particulars next week---was announced in our issue of Saturday last. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Tuesday last, and in addition to the relatives and personal friends was attended by a number of the members of the Corporation of Newport and members of the medical profession and others. Amongst those proceeding from the residence were Mr. John H. Tuttiett (son), Miss Tuttiett (daughter), Mr. F. A. Joyce (cousin), Miss Beckingsale, Mr. Robey F. Eldridge, J.P., Drs. Foster, J.P., Groves, J.P., Mellor, and Waterworth, the Rev. Clement Smith, and the Rev. A. W. Milroy, by the last-named of whom the funeral service was sympathetically conducted. Others taking part in the procession, in carriages or on foot, were the Mayor of Newport (Mr. Francis Pittis, J.P.), Councillors James George, J.P., and C. E. Pinnock, and Messrs. Robert Pinnock, J.P., R. Urry, John Dashwood, E. Hawker, F. W. B. Waterworth, G. A. Brannon, A. Alabone, E. Cave, Herbert Blake, &c. The Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, in which the deceased gentleman for so many years filled the office of surgeon, was represented by Bros. W. Blake, jun., N.G., C. Ratcliffe, G.M., H. Tullidge, R.S., G. H. Locke, P.P.G.M., R. A. Saunders, C.S., P.G.'s C. Salter, G. H. Waterworth, W. Fuller, W. J. Whittington, G. Morris, J. Taylor, and J. Sanders, also Bros. W. Wadham, T. Cave, W. Cave, Witham, Flux, Stark, &c. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were received by the family from Drs. Coombs, Hutton Castle, Barr, and

Thompson. Before the concluding prayer at the graveside, the funeral ritual of the Order of Oddfellows was impressively read by Bro. C. Salter. The brass plate on the coffin was engraved "Frank Bampfylde Tuttiett, died 28th February, 1895, aged 79 years." There were a number of floral mementoes; The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. W. C. Way and were supervised by Mr. Webb, of the firm of Messrs. Lock and Son.

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THE LATE DR. TUTTIETT.

A few particulars of the career of this old and honoured townsman of Newport will, we are sure, be of interest to our readers. The late Mr. Frank Bampfylde Tuttiett was born on the 16th of August, 1815, at Colyton, Devon, of a Somerset family. He came to the Isle of Wight in 1822 and was educated at Mr. Clarke's school. He studied medicine at University College, London, and became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1838. Some old inhabitants still remember his father, "Old Mr. Tuttiett," who, having retired from the Royal Navy, practised medicine in Newport. He, the late Dr. Tuttiett, helped in his practice as soon as he had passed, and while still very young the whole burden fell upon him, his father's ill-health for some years before his death incapacitating him entirely. In 1844 the subject of this notice married Miss Eliza Gleed, the last of the Gleeds, of the Priory, Carisbrooke, where they had been since the Reformation. He was parish doctor for 50 years---two years as deputy for his father and 48 on his own account, and during that long period not one single complaint was ever made against him. He was much beloved by the poor whom he attended. He retired from this appointment in 1886. In the old days, when the seaboard towns were not existent, or only tiny villages, parish doctors were few. At one time we believe there was only one for the whole Island, so that the parish doctor was in the saddle from morning till night, and often all night. Few had a more intimate knowledge of the roads and by-roads of the Isle of Wight than the late Dr. Tuttiett. He was surgeon of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows from its formation until 1892; he was connected in a similar way with the "Lamb" club until its dissolution; he was surgeon to the Isle of Wight Lunatic Asylum in the early forties, till its removal from the Workhouse; and he was medical officer of health for the borough of Newport from 1878 until 1892. He was in active practice when stricken by mortal disease in October, 1892, and at the time of his retirement he was the senior medical practitioner of the Isle of Wight. His brother, Mr. Harry Barrington Tuttiett, was a well known and popular medical man at Ventnor, where he began in 1844 and died in 1878, a window being erected to his memory in St. Catherine's Church. His younger brother, the Rev. Canon Tuttiett, who survives, though in failing health, was until 1892 incumbent of the Episcopal Church, St. Andrews, Scotland. He is the well-known author of many devotional works and hymns, some of the latter---very beautiful

compositions-----being included in "Hymns Ancient and Modern." Canon Tuttiett will be remembered by many of our readers as having occupied the pulpit at St. Thomas`s Church, Newport. One other item remains to be noted, and it is of more than local interest. We hope it will be no violation of the anonym which an accomplished lady has made famous throughout the literary world to say that the late Dr. Tuttiett was the father of "Maxwell Grey."

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