

## John Upward

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### NEWPORT

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN UPWARD.**----We regret to record the death, on Sunday morning, of Mr. John Upward, aged 65, an old and esteemed tradesman of the town, who, during the war, gave up business and accepted the appointment of master tailor at the County Mental Hospital, Whitecroft. Deceased had for many years been a much respected and valued deacon of the Congregational Church. He was well-known as a keen walker, and in his younger days made extended tours. He had been in failing health for some time, but he continued his duties to the end, which came suddenly, but peacefully, during sleep. The funeral took place at Carisbrooke cemetery on Wednesday. The Rev. R. Sirhowy Jones, who officiated, said in the estimation of his fellows deceased was one who was upright before God, and straightforward in all his dealings with men. Those who knew him more intimately recognised in him a humble, faithful, and consistent Christian, devoted to the welfare of his church, serving with great ability and fidelity in the office of deacon, and enjoying the highest confidence and sincerest affection of his fellow members. He practically died in harness, and was spared what might have been a lingering and painful illness. They were thankful for the memory of so true and steadfast a character, and for a life spent so faithfully, yet so unobtrusively, in the service of God and His Church, and they prayed that the God of all grace and comfort would bless the respected widow and other bereaved and sorrowing relatives. In addition to personal mourners, those present included Ald. F. E. Witcher (deacon of the Congregational Church), Mr. A. G. Harrison (secretary), Mr. B. Sanders, C.C., and Mr. J. H. Green (clerk of the Mental Hospital).

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