## **Robert Barnes**

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## **NEWPORT**

## SUDDEN DEATH.

We have to announce the sudden death of Mr. Robert Barnes, senior master of the Portland House Academy, which occurred on Sunday morning last. It appears the deceased gentleman, who was in perfect health on Saturday, retired to rest as usual, and that next morning when the maid took up hot water at eight o'clock, her master failed to respond to her knock. Members of the family were immediately summoned, and the deceased's son went for medical assistance. It is conjectured he had been dead not more than an hour, as the body was warm at the time. Death is attributed to heart disease. The Coroner has been communicated with, but it has not been considered necessary to hold an inquest. The Rev. A.O. Lochore, at the Congregational Church on Sunday, referred in sympathetic terms to the loss which their church had sustained by the painfully sudden death of the late Mr. Barnes. Deceased was 72 years of age, and was apparently in vigorous health.



The tablet, on the corner of West Street and Trafalgar Road recording the location of the Portland House Academy established by Robert Barnes.

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