

Joseph and Ada Bevis

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Death of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bevis.— We regret to record the death of Mr. And Mrs. Bevis, two highly respected residents of the town. Mrs. Bevis, who was 80, died at her residence, 88 Alexandra-terrace, The Mall, on Sunday, after five days' illness. She was the wife of Mr. Joseph Bevis, who was confined to his room by illness at the time of his wife's death. The funeral of Mrs. Bevis was fixed for Wednesday, and on that day Mr. Bevis passed away. The pathetic circumstances that in death they were not divided led to the postponement of the funeral service, which will take place to-day (Saturday) at the Congregational Church. Both husband and wife were representatives of old Newport families, Mrs. Bevis being the daughter of the late Mr. Charles Jolliffe, who carried on the business of a tailor in Lower High-street, and was an enthusiastic temperance advocate. Mrs. Bevis, who was married in 1873, was a lady of considerable musical ability and was often in early married life one of the soloists at Penny Readings, and at a later period was associated with her husband in the concerts of the Philharmonic Society. Mr. Bevis, who was 82 on 18th of January, was the son of the late Mr. Joseph Bevis, a builder of the town, who was at one time a member of the Town Council. Mr. Bevis was a cabinetmaker by trade and very clever craftsman, many beautiful specimens of his work being among the treasured possessions of those who value artistic creations. He was a member of the Congregational Church, where he rendered valuable and faithful service, which was recognised by his appointment as life deacon. He was for many years deputy superintendent of the Sunday-school, a vice-president of the P.S.A. movement, and chairman of the trustees of the church. He was one of the original members of the Philharmonic Society and claimed to be one of the founders of the Newport Literary Society. It is also of interest to recall that Mr. Bevis was one of the band which welcomed Garibaldi, the great Italian patriot, on his visit to Newport in 1864. There were three sons and one daughter of the marriage. The eldest son, Mr. Leonard Bevis, has been in South Africa for 20 years, Mr. Earnest Bevis is an antique dealer in Mansfield, Mr. H. W. Bevis is engaged in the Newport borough surveyor's office, and the daughter married Ald. F. E. Whitcher, J. P., and filled the office of Mayoress during his three years' Mayoralty in the war period.

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