Minnie Buckler

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Retired Head Mistress's Death. - Miss Minnie Buckler, who died on Saturday at Cliff Close, Brading, and who formerly lived at Richmond House, Union Street, was a daughter of the late Ald. and Mrs. Buckler. She was 73 and the eldest of a family of eight. When in her 'teens she became a pupil teacher at the Newport Girls' Council School and went to Salisbury College to train. On qualifying she joined the staff of the Western District Board School at Southampton, where she remained for some time. She returned to the Girls' Council School in 1899 as an assistant teacher. Seven years later she became head mistress, and her retirement in 1932 was a great loss, her devoted services having been instrumental in raising the school to a high standard. She had since been living with her brother, Mr. F. Buckler, at Brading. The funeral service took place on Wednesday at St. John's Church, the Rev. E. A. B. Royds officiating. Miss D. Welby-Pryer (organist) accompanied the hymns "There is a land of pure delight" and "The King of love". The mourners were Mr. F. Buckler (brother), Mrs. E. Brudnell (sister), Mr. and Mrs. T. Buckler (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. H. H. Gould (uncle), and Messrs. E. T. Joyes and A. P. Gould (nephews), and Mesdames J. P. Newberry and B. Downer, Mr. W.G. Buckler and Mrs. Harold Gould (brother and sister) were unable to attend due to indisposition. Others present included the Misses E.J. Crews, W. Watts, and E. Luxton (representing the Council Girls' School), and G. Clarke (Infants' School), Miss A. Etheridge (also representing Miss Etheridge), and Messrs. C. A. Westmore (school welfare officer), W. Upward (representing Roach Pittis and Son), G. W. Crews, O. C. Hamilton, and G. Attrill. The interment was at Carisbrooke and the floral tributes included one from members of Miss Buckler's former staff. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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