

Arthur Reginald Crofton

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School Teacher's Sudden Death.—We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Reginald Crofton, handicrafts master at the County Boys School, which occurred at his home at 11 College Road on Tuesday. Mr. Crofton, who had not been in good health for some time, had a serious operation recently. He collapsed shortly after arriving home from school. He and his wife came to live on the Island from Southsea more than 20 years ago when he first took up his appointment at the school, where he was a much esteemed member of the staff. A keen sportsman, he played for many years for amateur football teams on the mainland and continued his activities when he came to the borough. He was a member of the Literary Society, where he achieved a reputation as a billiards player and often took part in club tournaments. He was also associated with the Newport Tennis Club and the Newport Golf Club. Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. Crofton in her unexpected bereavement. The funeral service at St. Thomas's Church yesterday was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth). Among the large congregation were many former teaching colleagues and pupils of Mr. Crofton. The chief mourners were Messrs. W. Crofton (brother), W. Shott and W. Alder (brothers-in-law), L. Blackman, H. Primmer, and F. March. Others present included Mrs. Hutchinson (county education officer), Mr. G. Norman, C.C. (Education Committee and the school managers), and Mr. W. S. Russell (county education department). The County Boys' School was represented by Messrs. E. G. Morris (head master), T. G. Boyland, and P. Warder, and many former pupils; the Literary Society by Mr. F. W. Blake; the Golf Club by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bennett (also representing the captain, Mr. A. Hayles), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Early, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tidy, and Mr. F. McIntyre. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. There were no flowers, by request. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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