

John Dore

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DEATH OF MR. JOHN DORE OF NEWPORT.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Dore, of Castle-road, Newport, at the advanced age of 84. Attended by his daughter in his declining years, his life had a tranquil evening, and the end came very peacefully on Saturday last. The late Mr. Dore, who was a man of great intelligence and wide sympathies, had been for many years prominently identified with organisations of a benefit character. He was secretary of the Union Benefit Society from the date of its reorganisation in 1856, and he was also secretary of the Friends-in-Need Society for many years and up to its termination. As a local poet he was also well known. He possessed the “faculty of verse” in a marked degree and his compositions were almost as countless as those of his old friend, Mr. A. Midlane. Some years ago the deceased published a volume of poems under the title of “Vectis Lays,” and the “ruling passion” was strong in him up to the last. Those who were familiar with his handwriting will know how remarkable it was for its legibility and its neatness, and it maintained those characteristics even when the hand that held the pen was that of an octogenarian. His long life was honourably and blamelessly spent, and the warm regard of all who knew him was possession all through the years. – The funeral of the deceased took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. C. H. Davis (Congregational) officiating. The personal mourners were Messrs. Walter and Charles Dore (brothers) and Messrs. William and Harry Dore (nephews). The representative of the Union Benefit Society present included Messrs. W. Ash (trustee), W. Walker, Charles Ash (Managing committee), W. F. Mew, W. Brown (stewards), and T.W. Sanders (secretary). Others present were Capt. de Liale and Messrs. S. and D. S. Pring. Floral mementos were sent by the personal mourners and other relatives and friends. Mr. G. G. Barnett carried out the funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM.

Lines to the memory of my dear friend, Mr. John Dore, who died January 17, 1899, aged 84

Pilgrim rest, thy journey's ended,
Home, sweet home, is reached at last;
Life for thee was far extended,
And thy chequered days were cast
Where the smile with sighing blended;
Now all gloom is overpast.

Happy moments one remembers,
When thy cup was brimming full,
When above life's smouldering embers
Glory thrilled thy inmost soul,
When – as light the dwelling enters –
Life was more than beautiful !

Then sweet words, in glowing numbers,
From thy ready lips would flow,
And the thought, which erewhile slumbers.

Would with chastened radiance glow,
When the world, which so encumbers,
Faith and trust would overthrow.

All is over; rest is entered;
Life's calm port is made at last;
He in Whom thy hopes were centred
Welcome smiles on thee has cast;
Nought is lost upon Him ventured;
All thy hopes are now surpassed.

Reunited soon in gladness,
We shall link life's chain again;
Then – no mark or trace of sadness;
Then – no lingering shade of pain;
Bearing only glory's likeness,
Brother, we shall meet again !

Newport, I.W.

A.M.

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THE LATE MR. JOHN DORE.

To the Editor of the Isle of Wight County Press.

Sir, - Will you kindly allow me to add a few words to your appreciative notice of the late Mr. John Dore? His work as a local preacher in connection with the Free Churches of the Isle of Wight deserves recognition. For many years he travelled to all parts of the Island, from Colwell in the west to Seaview in the east. His services were very highly valued and his name is held in high esteem in the villages of Roud, Chillerton, Porchfield, Wellow, Yarmouth, Swanmore, and St. Helens. It is only within the last ten years that he relinquished what was to him a labour of love. His preaching was distinguished by great fervour and was deeply instructive in the essential truths of the Scriptures, full quotations of the Word and occasional poetic utterances. He was a very humble man and had a kindly, genial nature. One of the last representatives of the old style of local preachers who did a noble work during the middle of the century, his name will be associated with those of Matthew Loving, Jacob Taylor, James Snudden, Cooke, Gustar, Dean, Moody, Dimmick, Gunn, and many others, all of whom were actively engaged in Christian work in the villages of the Isle of Wight from 30 to 40 years ago. The influence of their work abides and others have entered into their labours. – With thanks, I remain, yours truly, J. MILMAN BROWN. Shanklin, Jan. 25 1899.

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