

Mary Eldridge

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NEWPORT.

DEATH OF MISS MARY ELDRIDGE. – We much regret to announce the death of Miss Mary Eldridge, aged 89, the sad event having occurred at her residence, Oxford Villa, Castle-road, on Christmas-eve. The deceased lady, who was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Robey Eldridge, rector of Desford, Leicestershire, was at one period of her long and useful life an active worker in connection with the Parish Church. For many years she was a teacher in the Sunday-school, and in the seventies was a member of the choir of ladies and gentlemen. She was a sister of Mrs. Robey F. Eldridge, and a writer of poetry of considerable merit. Her poetic contributions appeared regularly first in Dr. Dabb's "Vectis," and afterwards in the *County Press*, under the pseudonym of "Sparrow," "The Christmas Cricket," "Snowdrop," and "Grey Gull."

The funeral was on Monday, the first part of the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Thompson) at the Parish Church and the interment taking place at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were Mr. Robey J. Eldridge (nephew), and Mrs. A. D. W. Eldridge, B.Sc., Mr. James Eldridge, Dr. Underhill, Miss Rose Bull, and Miss Clara Mustchin. Owing to ill-health Mr. and Mrs. Robey F. Eldridge were unable to attend. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. Moorman.

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