

## **Ernest Edwin Huck**

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**NOTABLE YOUNG NEWPORTONIAN'S DEATH.**- Deep and general regret is felt at the death, on Sunday, at the County Hospital, of Mr. Ernest Edwin Huck, aged 31, who, in his short but active and useful life, rendered notable service in the educational and musical life of his native town. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. E. Huck, and grand-son of the late Crimea and Indian Mutiny veteran, Mr. E. J. Huck. After training at the Secondary-school and Hartley University College, he became a fully qualified teacher, and was on the staff of the Sandown National-schools, for a short time, and was appointed certificated assistant at Barton Boys-school in January, 1914. Excepting while he was on active service in the Great War, he remained there until his final illness. Here he did specially valuable work in teaching music and hygiene, being a member of the Institute of Hygiene and Licentiate of the London College of Music, as well as a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society. His love of good music, and enthusiasm in fostering it, led him to devote much time beyond school hours to the instruction of the children, and his loss is keenly felt at Barton. He was an accomplished organist and pianist, having been one of the most promising pupils of the late Mr. Harry Cushing, and held the appointment of organist at the Roman Catholic Church, Newport. He was the much appreciated and accomplished piano accompanist of the Philharmonic Society until failing health compelled him to retire, much to the regret of the Society, who at their practice on Tuesday, passed a vote of condolence with the bereaved family. He served in the army on the Western Front during the Great War, where he suffered from the effects of poison gas, and whilst on active service he developed nephritis, which eventually caused his discharge from the Army. He had since had recurring trouble from this disease, which was the cause of his fatal illness. This last illness came on about six weeks ago, and in spite of everything which medical skill and careful nursing could do, he gradually sank and passed away very peacefully as stated. Latterly he had been actively identified with the work of the Labour Party, having been for some time the capable chairman of the local branch, and joint hon. secretary of the I.W. Labour Party. The deepest sympathy is felt for his widow and two young children, and his parents and other relatives. The funeral took place on Thursday in the presence of a large assemblage. A Requiem Mass in the morning at the Catholic Church was followed by a largely attended service there in the afternoon, the Rev. Father Watson officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. Huck (widow), Mr. E. Huck (father), Messrs. William J. and Sidney J. Huck (brothers), Mr. Leonard Ledicott (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Leigh (brother and sister-in-law), the Misses J. Ledicott and K. Cooper (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Huck (uncle and aunt), the Misses Edith and Emma J. Huck (aunts), Mr. A. Coombes (cousin), and Miss F. E. Leighton. There were also present the Mayor (Mr. G. F. Quinton), chairman of the Education Committee, the boys of deceased's class from Barton School, under Mr. W. Ouseley, M.B.E. (headmaster), and Mr. J. Collins, and a number of old boys of Barton-school, including Messrs. N. Arnold, A. Louch, F. Cox, F. Gustar, J. and B. Reynard, Marshall, Wheeler, and Drudge, Mr. W. H. Chandler (headmaster of the National-schools), Mr. C. Read (representing the Newport Council-schools), and Mr. J. L. Mitchell (formerly headmaster of the Newport Council-schools). The Isle of Wight Labour Party was represented by the Rev. the Hon. W. E. Bowen (president), Mr. W. H. Warrior, J.P.

(vice-president), Mr. L. Hobbs (hon. secretary), Mr. G. Snow (Agricultural Labourers' Union), Mr. F. W. Gray, Mr. E. G. Beard, Mr. E. W. Landon, J.P. (president of the Newport branch), Mr. P. Vallender, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. S. Feben, including women representatives. There were also present members of the Philharmonic Society, and Messrs. G. R. Barrett (organist of Carisbrooke Church), L. Dore (organist of St. Paul's, Barton), A. Mearman (organist of Brighstone). The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The many beautiful floral tributes included those from the I.W. Divisional Labour Party; the Newport and District Labour Party; the present boys of Barton; Barton Old Boys; Barton Parents; teaching staff of Barton; I.W. County Teachers Association; Old Students' Association of the Newport Secondary-school; and the staff of the C.E. Schools.

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