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NEWPORT

Retired Corporation Employee's Sudden Death.—The death occurred at his residence, Fairhope, St. John's-road, on Saturday of Mr. Frederick George Wadham, who, until his retirement seven months ago, was an esteemed and popular employee of the Corporation. Mr. Wadham's sudden death came as a severe shock to his many friends, and sincere sympathy is felt with the widow in her heavy loss. He retired to bed as usual on Friday night and was found dead by his wife when she took him a cup of tea next morning. Mr. Wadham, who was 65, had been associated with his brother, Mr. W. H. Wadham, of Clatterford-road, Carisbrooke, as a rate collector for 19 years, before being fully employed by the Corporation in that work 12 years ago. His quiet and unassuming nature and his courteous manner made him a popular employee of the Corporation, and there were expressions of appreciation of his faithful service when he retired. The funeral was on Wednesday, the service in St. John's Church being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon). Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M., at the organ, accompanied the singing of the hymns "I know that my Redeemer lives", and "On the Resurrection morning".

The mourners were the widow, Miss D. Wadham (niece), Mesdames W. H. and A. E. Wadham and Mrs. Robson (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clark (nephew and niece), Mesdames A. E. Fry and Brook, and Mr. J. B. Alderslade. Messrs. W. H. and Albert Wadham (brothers) were prevented from attending by indisposition. Others attending include the Mayor of Newport (Mr. G. C. Russell), Ald. Mrs. E. R. Chandler, J.P. (chairman of the Rating and Valuation Committee), Ald. W. Blake, J.P. (chairman of the General Purposes Committee), Messrs. R. Preston (town clerk), R. J. Machin (borough accountant), H. W. Lincoln (chief cashier), A. F. Hart (sanitary inspector), and Miss Millidge, Messrs. A. E., S. C., P. F., and W. Wadham (cousins), A. A. Whitfield, M.B.E. (clerk to the Rural District Council), T. A. Cleaver (clerk to the County Assessment Committee), W. Guy, A. Fry, G. H. Snellgrove, H. E. Blow, H. M Ablitt, W. Watts, E. R. Dore, C.C., W. Upward, and A. Chappell, the Misses Eldridge and Alderslade, Mesdames Bright, E. A. Huck, and Shobridge, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Cassford. The interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. A large cross from his sorrowing widow rested on the coffin, and the other beautiful floral tributes included a wreath from the members and staff of the Corporation. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements. At the meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday members stood in silent tribute, and it was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to the widow. The Mayor recalled Mr. Wadham's courteous and faithful services.

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