

Charles Cooke

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. Charles Cooke.- A highly respected townsman, who had faithfully served his country in the two world wars, and was deservedly esteemed as a good sportsman and conscientious worker, died rather suddenly at his home at 40 Lugley-street on Tuesday, in the person of Mr. Charles Cooke, at the age of 63. A native of the borough, Mr. Cooke had spent the whole of his working life in the service of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton and Company at the Royal Brewery, where for some years he had been foreman of the brewing department. He completed 50 years with the firm at Christmas and he enjoyed the high esteem of the directors and his fellow workers. He had been in indifferent health for some time, but was expecting soon to return to his work after three weeks' rest, when he was seized with a fatal heart attack. Sincere sympathy is felt with the members of his family in their unexpected bereavement, especially with his sister (Miss A. Cooke), who had been his housekeeper and constant companion since their mother's death 17 years ago. A member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade before the first world war, Mr. Cooke served throughout that war in the Royal Naval Sick Berth reserve. He was in the crew of the hospital ship Rewa, which was torpedoed and sunk in the Bristol Channel when bringing home sick and wounded from Gallipoli. During the greater part of the recent war, until his health failed, he did good service with the Royal Observer Corps at the Newport post, being one of the original members of the crew when it was formed from the special constabulary in 1936. A staunch Conservative, he was a member of the council of the I.W. Conservative Association for many years and one of its delegates to national conferences, and he also rendered conspicuous service as a member of the local branch of the association and as a member of the committee of the Conservative Club for 25 years and its chairman for a time. In acknowledgement of his services to the club he was elected a life vice-president. He was a keen player and deputy captain of the Old Conservative Club Bowling Club. Mr. Cooke had also given valuable support to the Football Club and the Carnival as a committeeman and enthusiastic worker, was a member of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows, and the British Legion, and a life governor of the County Hospital. The funeral service will be at St. Thomas's Church to-day (Saturday) at 2 p.m.

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NEWPORT

The Late Mr. C. Cooke.- The funeral of Mr. Charles Cooke, of 40 Lugley Street, foreman of the brewing department of the Royal Brewery, and a former member of the Royal Observer Corps, took place on Saturday, a service being held at the Parish Church and the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Rev. L. D. J. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's) officiated, and referred to the high esteem which Mr. Cooke had won by his great loyalty in all his activities, and Mr. Horace Lower, at the organ, accompanied his favourite hymns, "Rock of ages" and "Abide with me." The chief mourners were Messrs. B., R., E., and H. Cooke, and F. Priddle (nephews), B. Priddle (brother-in-law), H. Gilmore, E. Hurry, R. Taylor, G. H. Arthur, jun., and W. G. Sibbick, J.P.

(only chief mourners transcribed)

Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Sons made the arrangements.- Miss Cooke wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and help given her in her time of great sorrow and for the beautiful floral tributes. She hopes to send personal acknowledgements in due course.

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