

## George Thomas Gubbins

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### NEWPORT

**Death of Mr. G. T. Gubbins.**—The death occurred at his residence, Pit Villa, St. John's-road, on Sunday, after a short illness, of Mr. George Thomas Gubbins, aged 85, a member of an old and much esteemed local family, formerly the owners of one of the oldest houses in the borough, Hazard's House, in lower High-street. In early days Mr. Gubbins was associated with his father (Mr. W. T. Gubbins) and uncle (Mr. L Gubbins) in the business of booksellers and stationers at 43 High-street, which for 40 years has been carried on by Mr. A. G. Bird. He later carried on a similar business at Freshwater Bay and Totland Bay, until his retirement soon after the last war.

He was well known in the western half of the Island as a piano tuner, and carried on this work over a wide country area with the aid of a bicycle, in fact he had been a keen cyclist for the greater part of his long life. He and his wife were devoted members of the congregation of the Parish Church and Mr. Gubbins had been one of the trustees of the Newport charities since 1899, being particularly interested in his trustee-ship of the ancient Grammar School.

The funeral was on Thursday, a service being held in the Parish Church and the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Vicar (Canon W. B. Hogg) officiated and the organist (Mr. E. A. English) accompanied the hymns "The day is past and over" and "Holy Father, cheer our way" and the 23rd Psalm was chanted. The Vicar, in a tribute to the deceased gentleman, spoke of his cultured mind and great kindness of heart, and mentioned that he was the first child christened in Newport Parish Church in 1856.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mrs. M. J. C. Woodyear (sister), Mr. A. B. Woodyear (nephew) and Mrs. Woodyear, Mr. H. Bevington and Mrs. Bevington (niece), Mesdames Tayler and Backhouse, and the Misses I. and N. Hewitt (nieces by marriage). Miss J. M Gubbins, of Godshill (sister) was unable to be present. Others at the church were the Mayor (Ald. W. Blake J.P.), Ald. F. E. Whitcher, J.P., and Mrs Whitcher, Mr. A. E. Harvey, J.P., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bright, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. R. J. Eldridge, Mrs. G. Bevan, Miss M. Scovell (also representing Miss Scovell), and Messrs. J. H. Black, A. G. Bird, W. J. Bailey (secretary, Newport charities), E. J. White, F. H. J. Damp, F. Chiverton, R. T. Brackey, T.C., E. R. Dore, C.C., E. L. Stevens, P. E. Whiston (also representing Mr. H. E. Stratton), and C. C. Chiverton.

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