

## Walter Matthews

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### NEWPORT

**Death of Mr. Walter Matthews.**—By the death of Mr. Walter Matthews, aged 67, formerly of Chain-lane, which occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Thursday week, the borough loses a familiar figure in the streets. As a porter and news vendor Mr. Matthews had carried on work in which his family had engaged for well over half a century. His mother was one of the first local distributors of the "County Press". He also sold evening papers, his calls in the early evenings, in a dreary monotone, being one of the regular sounds of the town's life. He braved all weathers and his comments on this and other topics while he slowly counted out change from a handful of coppers were always forceful and amusing.

He was one of the oldest members of the St. John's Men's Bible Class and the P.S.A. Brotherhood. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the Rev. C. L. H. Beardmore officiating at a service in the Parish Church and at the interment at Newport Cemetery. Messrs. W. G. Sibbeck (acting leader), F. Chiverton (vice-president), H. B. J. Lower (hon. secretary), J. Crutcher, H. Hollis, and E. Mackett represented the St. John's Men's Bible Class, Mr. J. Puckett the Brotherhood, and others attending included Messrs. H. Mayes and R. Perkis. Amongst the wreaths was one from the Brotherhood.

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