

Ellen Amelia Rayner

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NEWPORT

Death of Mrs. Rayner.- The staff and pupils at the Grammar School are mourning the death of a valued friend, who took a keen interest in the school, as a result of the passing of Mrs. Ellen Amelia Rayner, aged 57, wife of Mr. Frank Rayner, of Pyle-street. Mrs. Rayner had been caretaker and cook at the school for over nine years. Her kindly concern for the welfare of the boys extended beyond her official duties and she was held in high esteem by them all. Many old boys as well as the present scholars will remember the masterly way in which she prepared and served the Christmas breaking-up dinners. Mrs. Rayner died after a long illness on Sunday, and the Head Master (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley, B.Sc.) and Mrs. Wheatley, Mr. A. J. Carr (senior master), and about 40 of the older scholars attended the funeral service at the Parish Church on Wednesday, at which the Rev. C. L. H. Beardmore officiated. The interment was at Newport Cemetery, and among the floral tributes were those from the Rev. and Mrs. Wheatley; old boys of the school; and the staff and pupils. Messrs. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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