

Alfred Horatio Sheaf

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Death of Medina Fisherman.—A well known and popular figure on the river has been removed by the death on Sunday week of Mr. Alfred Horatio Sheaf, of Hurstake, who passed away after a short illness at the age of 58. He was a member of a family who have been fishermen in the Medina for many years, and his two brothers still follow the calling. Mr. Sheaf was a master of his craft, and had a wonderful knowledge of the habits of fish. He was always ready to place this knowledge at the disposal of amateurs out for sport. He was also ready with advice, and a helping hand when needed, to the members of the Newport Rowing Club, while there are not a few Newportonians who have reason to be grateful to him for getting them out of dangerous predicaments in the river during their early bathing days. He leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters. The funeral service was at the Parish Church on Christmas-eve, and the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Rev. C. L. H. Beardmore officiated, and the principal family mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheaf (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. A. Dear (daughter), Lce.-Corpl. V. Sheaf, R.E. (son), Mr. L. Ranger (son-in-law), and Messrs. W. and F. Sheaf (brothers). Mr. A. Chappell and Mr. A. Whitfield represented the Rowing Club, and brethren of the R.A.O.B. were present. There were 30 floral tributes.

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