

James Weeks

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. James Weeks.--We regret to have to record the death of Mr. James Weeks, which took place suddenly at his residence in Pyle-street on Monday morning last. The deceased, who was connected with several well-known Island families, was for many years master of the Havant Workhouse, and retiring from that position some years since, he came to reside at Newport, where he not only renewed some old friendships, but made many new ones, his kindness of manner winning for him the sincere regard of all who came in contact with him. He was one of the representatives of Newport at the Board of Guardians, where he did useful service, and at the meeting of that body on Thursday the chairman gave expression to the deep regret which they all felt at the loss of so esteemed and valued a colleague, and the clerk was instructed to convey to the bereaved family the sincere sympathy of the Guardians with them in their sorrow. Mr. Weeks, who was an ardent Liberal in politics, was one of the candidates for the North Ward at the municipal election in November last, when he polled well, though not successfully. It was reported at the time that if he had been elected and the Liberal party had secured a majority in the Council, it was the intention of his friends to nominate him for the Mayoralty. The funeral of the deceased took place yesterday (Friday), the officiating minister being the Rev. T. E. Mundy. The coffin, of polished oak, was covered with beautiful wreaths, and the funeral was attended by a number of the personal and political friends of the deceased, as well as by representatives of the various institutions with which he was associated. Throughout the town shutters were closed and blinds were drawn as a mark of respect to the memory of a universally-esteemed citizen.--Mrs. Weeks desires to express her heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy she has received in her bereavement, and for the respect shown to the memory of her late husband on the occasion of his funeral.

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