

## Edwin Whatley

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### NEWPORT

**DEATH OF MR. EDWIN WHATLEY.**- The town has lost an esteemed resident and the Unitarian Church a devoted servant by the death on Monday at the County Hospital of Mr. Edwin Whatley, of 8 High-street, caretaker of the Unitarian Church for the last 13 years. He had been in failing health for some time, and had been under treatment at the County Hospital for about a month. Mr. Whatley, who was 72, was a Wiltshire man, who came to Thorley just over 50 years ago to work as a mason on the Heytesbury estate, his father having also been engaged on that estate in Wiltshire. Later he moved to Newport, where he was in the employ of Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton & Co., for many years and resided in Chapel-street. An old Wiltshire Volunteer, he joined the National Reserve battalion of the Hampshire Regiment on the outbreak of the Great War and served at Aldershot and in London. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in April of last year. Their two sons are both in the Prison service, the elder a principal officer at Pentonville, and the younger an officer at Maidstone. Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. Whatley and the family in their bereavement. The funeral took place on Thursday, a service at the Unitarian Church preceding the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Rev. Gordon Cooper officiated, Mr. Carpenter (organist) accompanied the singing of the hymns "Abide with me" and "I cannot think of him as dead" and many members of the congregation and other friends were present, in addition to the following principal mourners: Mrs. Whatley (widow), Messrs. J. E. and W. G. Whatley (sons), Mesdames Long and Smith, and Miss M. Whatley (daughters), and Mr. A. E. Knight. Mr. F Long (son-in-law) was prevented from attending by illness. Among the floral tributes was one from the committee and members of the Unitarian Church, "a token of regard for one who served the church faithfully for many years," and another from old friends in Chapel -street. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.- Mrs. Whatley and the family express their appreciation of the many kind messages of sympathy, and for the floral tributes, and heartily thank the staff at the County Hospital for their devoted attention and kindness.

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