

John Blake

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DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. JOHN BLAKE. – The death took place on Sunday, after a lingering and painful illness, of Mr. John Blake, eldest son of Mr. W. Blake, printer, Pyle-street. Cut off in his young manhood – he was but 36 – his death is lamented by a large circle of friends, whose deepest sympathy is with the young widow and the parents and other relatives in their sad bereavement. The deceased had for many years been actively identified with the various sports clubs in the town and district and also with friendly society work, being an Oddfellow and for some years the secretary of the Earl Yarborough Juvenile Lodge, of the committee of which he was a member at his death. He was also a member of the committee of the Newport Literary Society. He took a prominent part in the promotion of the carnivals held in the town, being most energetic and efficient in the hon. secretarial department. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the first part of the service being at St. Thomas's Church and the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Vicar of Newport (Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe) and the Vicar of St John's (Rev. J.R. Edwards) officiated. The Personal mourners included the widow and parents of deceased, Mr. and Mrs. W. Blake, jun., Mr. Ernest Blake, Mrs. C. Hills, Mr. W. Flux (Shanklin), Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., C.C., Mr. F.G. Flux, J.P., Mr. R.B. Cheverton, jun., Mr. W.W. Odell, T.C., Mr. J. Rayner, Mr. James Rayner, Mr. Savage, and Mr. H. Blake. There also followed Messrs. A. Kemp, Duke, Witham, and Fry, from Messrs. Blake's printing works, and the other printing firms of the town were represented by Messrs. G.A. Brannon (*County Press Company*), W.H. Upward, G.H. and F. Yelf, and J. Howard Burgess. The Oddfellows were represented by Bros. G.H. Locke, P.P.G.M., and H. Prouten, R.R.G.M. (trustee of the adult and juvenile Lodges). Mr. J.B. Alderslade was present on behalf of the Newport Literary Society, and representatives of sports clubs also attended, including Messrs. Horace Brummell (captain of the Newport Football Club) Mr. E.F. Wray and H. Lower (I.W. Amateur Athletic Club). Those also present were Ald. W.J. Whittington (Deputy Mayor), Messrs. C. Webb, T.C., J. Eldridge, F.B. Meager, A.D. Allen, E.W. Jenkins, A. Mearman, C.F. Fox, H. Tullidge, F. Reeves, J. Duke, E. Matthews, and G. Chiverton, and others. The polished elm coffin, with brass mounts, was covered with many beautiful floral tributes sent by the widow, father and mother, and other relatives and friends, and also the employees of Messrs. Blake and Son. One bore the inscription: "From the master printers of Newport, with deepest regret and in kindest remembrance," and another "A token of respect from the officers and members of the Isle of Wight Amateur Athletic Club." Messrs. H. & F. Damp carried out the funeral arrangements.

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