

Ada Leonora Florence Osborne

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MISS ADA LEONORA OSBORNE. - Much regret is felt among her numerous friends in the town at the death of Miss A. Leonora Osborne, younger daughter of the late Mr. B. Osborne and Mrs. Osborne, of 1 Pyle-street, who was very well known as the manageress of her mother's ladies' outfitting business in St. Thomas's-square, president of the Barton Women's Institute, and the leading soprano in the St. Paul's Church choir. Miss Osborne, who was 46, had been in failing health for about 18 months and had been under treatment in the County Hospital. Her devotion to St. Paul's Church choir, of which she had been a member from girlhood, and her able and very enthusiastic leadership of the Barton Women's Institute for the last nine years had won much appreciation, and her passing at such an early age is a great loss. The funeral service took place in St. Paul's Church yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

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THE LATE MISS A. L. OSBORNE. - The funeral of Miss A. Leonora Osborne, of 1 Pyle-street, took place in Newport Cemetery on Friday week, following a largely attended service in St. Paul's Church. The Rev. H. G. Kelsey officiated with Mr. L. Dore at the organ and the choir was in attendance. The service consisted of the hymns "On the Resurrection morning" and "Abide with me," the 23rd Psalm, and the singing by Women's Institute members of "Jerusalem." The lesson was read by Mr. E. W. Way. In his tribute to the deceased, the Vicar referred to the deceased's life of good deeds and said she had been a member of the church choir for over a quarter of a century and had done much good work for the Women's Institute and on behalf of charitable objects. A character such as hers would not easily be forgotten.

The principal mourners were Messrs. H. Morris and A. Kingswell (uncles), Mrs. W. Dacombe and Mrs. F. Mayers (aunts), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Osborne, of Wootton, Messrs. H. Cooke, H. W. Cheek, of Chale Abbey (who also represented Mr. F. T. Cheek) and M. Cheek and Miss E. Cheek (cousins), Miss B. C. Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hardy. Among the large number of Women's Institute members present were Mrs. Gilbertson (vice-president), Mesdames B. Croucher, E. Diment, E. A. Huck, B. Sheaf (also representing the W.V.S.), W. Coward, Freeland, Elliott, Shepherd, Frost, Reynard, Diment, Sprake, Willshire, Wedge, Brown, Fry, and Cooper and the Misses Bull (W.V.S.), Lawrence, Freeland, and Pragnell (Barton W.I.), Mrs. G.A. Brannon (president), Mrs. H. Phillips (hon. Secretary), Mesdames A. J. Brown, H. Morris, George, Collins, Hayward, Lockyer, Philpot, Hoare, and W. Brown (Carisbrooke W.I.), Mesdames H. Glading, Witham, Hodges, Moore, and Royle (Northwood W.I.), Mesdames Berry, Flux, and Smith (Gurnard W.I.), and Mrs. Moody (Whippingham W.I.). Among others present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. W. Blake), Mrs. W. T. Collins (Newport Nursing Association), Mr. H. Mayes (St. Thomas's

Bible class), Nurses Cheverton and Cooper, Mesdames Triggs, Lawn, Peach, Shoesmith, W. Bishop, Fisher, Cornaby, Raine, Drudge, Brewer, H. E. Harley, E. Hazard (also representing her husband), Hebbes (also representing Mrs. Kelsey and the St. Paul's Mothers' Union), Appel, James, Sheaf, Warne, Woodmore, Edmunds, Gough, Hall, and Westmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, the Misses Cull, Earley, D. Dore (also representing Mrs. W. Dore), B. Willis (also representing Mrs. L. Willis), Ellis, and I. Allen, Fusilier J. Deller, Messrs. R. C. W. Turner, A. G. Harley, and F. Turnham. Messrs. A. W. and A. C. Morris, of London (uncles) were prevented from attending.

There were nearly 40 floral tributes including wreaths from the Barton W.I.; the Carisbrooke W.I.; the Gurnard W.I.; the Church Council, wardens, and sidesmen of St Paul's Church; the choir of St Paul's Church; and neighbours and friends.

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