

William Frederick Scadding

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DEATH OF MR. W. F. SCADDING – The death took, after a long illness, at Beethoven House, Holyrood-street, on Saturday, of Mr. William Frederick Scadding, aged 52, one of the well-known family of musicians and organists, who have been prominent in the Island for many years. The eldest son of the late Mr. William Scadding, organist of Newport Parish Church and of Queen Victoria's private chapel at Osborne, the deceased was a highly talented musician. At an early age he was solo boy at Westminster Abbey under Sir Frederick Bridge, and was subsequently articled to the late Dr. Arnold, of Winchester Cathedral, and was a fellow pupil of the present organist (Dr. Prendergast). After this, for some years he held the appointment of organist and choirmaster of St. Luke's, Shepherd's Bush, at which time he was a member of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain. He was subsequently for several years the organist of Seaford Parish Church, in Sussex. Amongst other musical appointments he held were Sidcup College and Ovingdean Hall, Brighton. At the age of 15 he had the honour of playing a recital on the first electric organ at the Great Central Hall at the Inventions Exhibition. The same afternoon Master Henry Wood (now Sir Henry) also gave a recital on the organ. In his early youth he was commanded to attend the Royal Chapel at Osborne House, where he gave recitals at the special request of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice. He was also the writer of music for important musical festivals, notably to words written by the Rev. St. Hill Bourne, vicar of St. Luke's, Uxbridge-road, author of the celebrated hymn "The sower went forth sowing." On the occasion of the festival the highest compliments were paid by Professor Bridge, who acted as the conductor, to the late Mr. Scadding, who was organist. His death is a matter of very sincere regret to all those connected with St. Andrew's, Freshwater, where he was organist for over three years, up till the time of his last illness. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment being at Newport Cemetery, following a service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Thompson). Mr. Guy Lucas presided at the organ, accompanying the hymn "Just as I am," and playing appropriate voluntaries including "O, rest in the Lord." The mourners were Messrs. Alex, George, Tom, and Gilbert Scadding (brothers), Mrs. F. Osborne and Miss Scadding (sisters), Mr. F. Osborne (brother-in-law), Madames George and Gilbert Scadding (sisters-in-law), the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar of St. John's), and a number of other friends. The floral tributes included one from the Rev. E. Michell and the choir of St. Andrew's Church, Norton, Freshwater.

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