

Mary Milsom Watts

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MISS MILSIE WATTS. – With great regret we have to record the death of Miss Milsie Watts, only daughter of the Rev. E.W. Watts, M.A., of Lugley House, the sad event taking place, after a very brief illness, at an early hour on Tuesday morning. Miss Watts had been seen so recently among us, apparently in her usual health, that when the announcement of her death was made it came as a most painful shock, and everywhere expression was given to the deepest sorrow that so bright and happy a life had been taken from our midst. The funeral took place on Thursday last, and there were many marks of mourning in the town. The coffin, covered with wreaths and crosses of exquisite white blooms, was borne into St. Thomas's Church, the chief mourners being the Rev. E.W. Watts, the father, Mr. E. Croft Watts, brother, and Mr. B.H. Watts, uncle of the deceased. The assistant masters and the boys of Lugley House School, and Dr. Allan Waterworth, the medical attendant, also followed. As the sad procession entered the church Mr. Scadding, at the organ, played Chopin's "Funeral March." The Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight read the first portion of the service, and the lesson was read by the Rev. R.R. Farrant. There was a large congregation. With rare feeling Mr. Scadding played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" as the mourners left the church. The service at the grave was performed by the Archdeacon. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. Bevis. In addition to the floral tributes from members of the family, wreaths and crosses were sent by Col. and Mrs. Sitwell, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Waterworth, Dorothy Waterworth, Mrs. Henry Waterworth, Mr. and Mrs. Robey F. Eldridge, Mrs. Edward Bowles, the Misses Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Von Hacht and family, Dr. and Mrs. Le Vette Morris, the Misses Eldridge, the Misses Taylor, the Misses Foster, Mrs. Charles Bond and family, Mrs. Croft, Capt. and Mrs. Markland, Miss Marvin, Mrs. and the Misses Hughes, Miss Harrison, the Misses Katie and Gwendoline Johnson, Miss Ethel Spittal, Mr. and Mrs. Warsap, Mrs. Irving, Miss Milsom, Miss Fullager, Miss Barbara Falkner, Mrs. and Misses Allen, the School-boys, the Servants, &c. It is not for us here to intrude upon the privacy of domestic grief, but this we may say, that the deepest sympathy of this community is with the bereaved parents in the sorrow which has stricken their hearts and clouded their home. – The late Miss Watts, who was a very skilled musician, was a member of the Newport Orchestral Society, and out of respect to her memory the practice arranged for last Tuesday evening was postponed.

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