

Henry Woodford

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DEATH OF MR. HENRY WOODFORD.----We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Woodford, custodian and librarian of the Newport Literary Society, which took place with painful suddenness on Saturday afternoon last. The deceased gentleman, who was 63 years of age, had been in indifferent health for some time, but no serious results were apprehended by his many friends. Latterly, however, heart trouble had manifested itself, and he had only returned on Saturday morning from a short stay at Freshwater, when he was taken worse and died soon after going to bed. His death is a great loss to the Newport Literary Society, which he had served so faithfully and well for over 15 years, and his decease is lamented by a wide circle of friends by whom he was held in the highest regard. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family in their sorrow. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. The first portion of the service was held at the Parish-church, where in addition to the chief mourners, a number of members of the Literary Society and other sympathising friends were present. The service was choral, and the Vicar (Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe) impressively officiated. The hymns "Nearer my God to Thee" and "Abide with me," were sung, and the 90th Psalm chanted. Mr. Harry Cushing, A.R.C.O., presided at the organ and played Chopin's "Marche Funebre" as the cortege left the church. The Vicar of Newport also officiated at the graveside in the Newport Cemetery. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. Edgar Woodford (son), Mrs. Cave (daughter), Messrs. Frank, Cass, and Alexander Woodford (brothers), Miss Annie Woodford and Mrs. Ridgley (sisters), Mr. T. Cave (son-in-law), Mrs. B. Woodford (sister-in-law), Mr. W. Cave (nephew), Mr. W. Pritchett, Mr. J. W. Scott and Mrs. Saunders. There were also present Messrs. R. Roach Pittis, J.P., (president of the Literary Society), A. Smith and B. Cooper (hon. secs.), W. L. Bright, J. L. Mitchell, W. H. Tiley, F. H. Whitcher, T.C., J. B. Alderslade, J. Blake, J. C. Millgate, K. Clark, Frank King, T.C., and E. J. Airs (committee), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Godfrey, Supt. W. Ayres, Messrs. E. G. Barnes, E. Warren, C. Webb, T.C., G. Y. Groundsell, T.C., J. Seymour, J. Edwards, C. F. Fox, H. Tullidge, A. C. Villar, J. G. Jones, W. Cooper, A. Burt, J. Morgan, and others. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, one being inscribed "With great respect and sincere sympathy from the members of the Newport Literary Society." Mr. Harry Scott was the undertaker. Dr. Groves, J.P., and Mr. A. Gill Martin were unavoidably prevented from attending.

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