

## Emily Whitfield

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### NEWPORT

**MR. AVERY A. WHITFIELD'S BEREAVEMENT.**- Sincere sympathy is felt with Mr. Avery A. Whitfield, M.B.E. (clerk to the I.W. Rural District Council), in the irreparable bereavement he suffered on Sunday by the death of his mother, which took place at their residence at Bekesbourne, Clarence-road, at the age of 77, after she had been seriously ill since the end of January. Mrs. Whitfield had lived in the town with her son for 23 years. She never took any prominent part in local affairs, but was held in the greatest esteem by those who were acquainted with her. She was a devoted worshipper at the Parish Church for many years and latterly at St. Paul's, Barton, where her son is the hon. secretary of the Church Council, and while her health permitted she was keenly interested in the Philharmonic Society's efforts. Mrs. Whitfield was the widow of Mr. Alfred Whitfield, a Berkshire farmer, at whose death 46 years ago she was left with seven young children. The funeral took place on Thursday, the service being held (by the deceased's request) at the Parish Church, and the interment following at St. Paul's (Fairlee) cemetery. The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Seymour Glynn) officiated, the choir boys led the singing of the hymns "The strife is o'er" and "Abide with me," and chanted the Nunc Dimittis as a recessional, and the organist (Mr. H. W. Stubbington, F.R.C.O.), played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" and "O rest in the Lord" prior to and "Blest are the departed " at the close of the service. The chief mourners were Mr. Avery A. Whitfield (son), the Misses E. M. and E. A. Whitfield (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Chappell, Mrs. and Miss Eyles, and Miss Dehaene, Two other daughters were abroad, and one was prevented from attending by indisposition. Those also attending included Mr. R. H. Morgan (representing his father, Mr. B. Y. Morgan, chairman of the Rural District Council), Mr. H. S. Stratton (clerk to the I.W. Joint Hospital Board, also representing Mr. G. F. S. Stratton). By the request of the deceased there were no flowers save one cross from the family. Dr. W. S. Wallace and Mrs. E. A. Slater were unavoidably prevented from attending. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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