

Florence Mary Downer

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CARISBROOKE

THE LATE MRS. L.J. DOWNER

The funeral service took place at Bowcombe Methodist Church on Wednesday for Mrs. Florence Mary Downer, aged 65, of 29 Priory Road, who died the previous Wednesday. Mrs. Downer was born here but had lived at Brighstone for 23 years and at Ilminster, Somerset, for five years before returning to the Island to care for her father. Mrs. Downer was a former scholar and teacher at the Bowcombe Methodist Sunday School. On the day before her death she took the chair at the Gunville Women's Bright Hour and on the afternoon of her death attended a Bethany Hall Women's Meeting.

The Rev. W.H. Read officiated and the hymns were Mrs. Downer's favourites, "How blest is life if lived for thee" and "It passeth knowledge". The organist was Mr. W.C. Cooper. The mourners included Mr. L.J. Downer (husband), Mr. and Mrs. V. Downer (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Sheen (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Nobes, and the Rev. and Mrs. E. Branfield (brothers-in-law and sisters), and Messrs A.B., W., W.G. and W.C. Downer (brothers-in-law). Mrs. G. Trickett and Mrs. N. Warne (daughters) were unable to attend. Other relatives and friends also attended. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Floral tributes included those from Bowcombe Methodist Church, the Sunday School, Gunville Women's Bright Hour and Bethany Hall Women's Meeting. The arrangements were made by Mr. A.E. Wyatt.

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