

James Richard Thomas

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NEWPORT

Railway Veteran's Death.- The death occurred on Sunday of Mr. James Richard Thomas, of Quay-street, aged 81. Joining the railway at Cowes in 1877 when 14, he was appointed stationmaster there in 1885, was transferred to the manager's office at Newport three years later, and served in the audit department of the I.W. Central railway until 1913, when he became associated with the Freshwater line for the period of its separate existence, and was its manager on retirement in 1923. He was later engaged in business in the town. In early days Mr. Thomas was in command of the Church Lads' Brigade, and was also associated with the Cadet movement. His unassuming charitable disposition is gratefully remembered. The funeral was at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday, the Rev. H. G. Kelsey officiating. The mourners were his sons, Messrs. J. G. and G. N. Thomas, with Miss L. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Walden. His widow and brother, Charles Thomas, were unable to be present.

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