Alfred William Thompson

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MR. A. W. THOMPSON. – The numerous business and other friends of Mr. Alfred William Thompson, for the last 35 years managing assistant to Mr. J. H. Linington, of the Market-square, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred on Monday at his residence, Hollymount, White Pit-lane, at the age of 56. He had been in failing health for a considerable time, but was only laid aside for some 10 days. He was a keen and conscientious business man, a devoted member of the Wesleyan Church, a Sunday-school teacher, and an ardent advocate of total abstinence, being a member of the local tent of Rechabites. He frequently contributed letters to the columns of the *County Press* on the temperance question, signed "T.W.A.," and was a close student of this and other subjects of social import.

The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday, the Rev. R. S. Kirkham officiating. The mourners were Mr. A. Thompson (son), Mr. E. H. Saunders, of Cowes (brother-in-law), Mr. B. Saunders, Mr. F. Woods (Whippingham), and Messrs. J. G. Coxon, W. T. Stocks, and C. J. Cooper. Messrs. J. H. Linington, sen., and jun., attended, with the following employees; Messrs. H. Spanner, A. C. Early, A. Elderfield, G. Attrill, and E. Wareham, and amongst the general followers were Messrs. A. F. Elderfield and G. H. Gentle (superintendents of the Wesleyan Sunday-school), C. F. Elderfield and F. Gentle (stewards of the Wesleyan Church), Mr. H. J. Green (representing the Onward Tent of Rechabites), Mesdames F. Gentle, Carpenter, Marshall, W. Wells, Heal and Ramage, and Messrs. G. N. Rogers, E. Wells, G. H. Brown, J. W. Marshall, J. M. Mansbridge, and C. S. Crowther. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes.

Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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