

Ellen Jane Wray

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DEATH OF MRS. E.J. WRAY

The death of Mrs. Ellen Jane Wray, aged 75, widow of Mr. E.J. Wray, which occurred on Monday, at her residence in Carisbrooke-road, removes a devoted and valued worker of St. John's Church. The late Mr. Wray was for many years a churchwarden, and during his period of office the deceased lady was prominently identified with the church organisations. She had loyally maintained that interest, her chief work being in connection with the annual bazaar. With the assistance of others she provided one of the largest and most attractive stalls, and in this and other ways contributed substantially to the church revenue. She was the daughter of the late Mr. James King, a respected townsman, formerly a grocer in the town. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, Mr. E.J. Wray, and on the death of this gentleman the business was carried on and extended by his sons under the title of Messrs. Wray and Sons. The deceased lady leaves four daughters and two sons. One son (Mr. B.H. Wray) was killed at Suvla Bay, being one of the first men of the Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles to lay down his life in the service of King and country.

There was a large attendance at the funeral service at St. John's Church yesterday (Friday), the interment following at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Rev. W.H. Mackinnon officiated. The mourners were Mr. A.J. King (only surviving brother), Mrs. C. Wray (sister), Messrs. F.J. and W.E. Wray (sons), Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Hugo, of Southsea, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Wakeham, of Bournemouth, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Boon, of Dorchester, and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lea, of Neasden (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. W.E. Wray (daughter-in-law), Mr. E.F. Wray T.C. (brother-in-law), and Mesdames S.H. Wood, Cotton, and G. Snellgrove (nieces). There were also present the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport (Mr. H.W. and Miss D. Horan), Dr. C.K. Sylvester, Messrs. W.J. Bailey, G. Long, R.J. Eldridge, J. Roach and W. Guy (churchwardens), B. Cooper, J. Kirby, A.A. Whitfield, A.J. Taylor, and W. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. G. Weeks, and Mesdames W. Guy, Henley, A. Alabone, G.H. Self, and F. Dudley (representing the Central Habitation of the Primrose League), F. Chiverton, Warne, Burt, Church, K. Westmore, Toogood, J.B. Alderslade, and W. Reynolds, and the Misses Dore, Etheridge, Tiptaft, J. George, Warne, and Westwood, Morris, and Dove (employees of Messrs. Wray and Sons).

Prior to the arrival of the funeral cortege Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M. (the organist), played "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn), and the other selections were "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from "The Messiah," and Chopin's Funeral March. The service commenced with the chanting of the 90th Psalm, the hymns sung were "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Peace, perfect peace," and the Nunc Dimittis was chanted at the close.

Many beautiful wreaths and other floral tributes were received. Mr. and Mrs. James Eldridge were unable to attend as they were away from the Island. The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Messrs. G.F. Quinton.

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