

**Alice Emily Niblett**

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**CHILLERTON**

**SUDDEN DEATH OF POSTMISTRESS.** - Much regret and sympathy with the family were aroused by the sudden death on Sunday of Miss Alice Emily Niblett, the esteemed village sub-postmistress and telephone exchange attendant. Miss Niblett, who was 54, had been associated with the post office and telephone exchange for 30 years, first as assistant to her late parents (Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Niblett) and then in charge since her father's death in 1937, when she was appointed to succeed him. She had performed the duties with great efficiency and unfailing courtesy, and was always ready to go beyond official responsibilities to assist anyone in need. Her able and cheerful services to the community will be greatly missed. In addition to managing the post office and telephone exchange, with the help of her two sisters Miss Niblett carried on a small dairy at her residence at Sheepwash. She had suffered with a weak heart for some months, but pluckily carried on with her busy life to the end. After milking her cows she had returned to the house and had breakfast with her brother and sister, when she had a fatal heart attack.

The funeral took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Thursday, the Vicar of St. Paul's, Barton, Newport (the Rev. L.J.D. Wheatley) officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs. C. and F. Niblett (brothers), Miss E. Niblett and Mrs. F. Stagg (sisters), Mrs. F. Niblett (sister-in-law), Mr. F. Stagg (brother-in-law), Mrs. J.M. Sibbick (aunt), Messrs. E., W.G., and A. Sibbick (uncles), and Mrs. L. McGahey, Miss D.K. Sibbick and Mr. B. Sibbick (cousins). Others attending were the head postmaster (Mr. W. Blachford) and representatives of the Newport Post Office staff, representatives of the Post Office Telephones Department, and many residents in the area served by the Chillerton post office and telephone exchange. The 26 floral tributes included those from the head postmaster and staff, Newport; the day staff at the Ryde Telephone Exchange and other Island telephone exchanges; the night staff at the Ryde Telephone Exchange; the Post Office Engineering Department; the staff of the Wootton Bridge Telephone Exchange; and neighbours and friends of Upper Chillerton. Messrs. A.A. and R.J. Westmore made the arrangements.

Miss Niblett's brothers and sisters thank Drs. Jones and Hurley and neighbours, particularly Mrs. Saunders, for their help and kindness, and all sending messages of sympathy and floral tributes. Will they please accept this announcement as an acknowledgment.

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