



Death of Mr. J. Wiltshire

Calne has lost another well known townsman by the death of Mr. Jabez Wiltshire, who passed away at his home at 64 London Road, on Thursday, at the age of 77 years. Mr. Wiltshire came of a well known Devizes family of decorators and his brother who is 90 is still living in the town. He came to Calne about 40 years ago and was employed as a gilder and decorator. He afterwards assisted his wife in her business at The Square until they retired a few years ago. In his young days, he was a very keen cyclist and rode many miles on an old "penny farthing." For over 20 years he had been a member of the committee of the Free Church and for several years was choirmaster. The choir sang many sacred works of his composition and hymns to his own settings. Mrs. Wiltshire died about two years ago. There were no children. The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Cemetery on Monday and was preceded by a service at the Free Church. It was conducted by the Rev. T. MacCandlish, who paid a tribute to Mr. Wiltshire's work for his church. The immediate mourners were Mr. Harry Cooper (Mrs. Cooper was unable to attend through illness), Mr. and Mrs. R. Beazley, Mr. T. Gunning, Mr. Wren, Mr. S. Drewell and Mr. W. Sutton. Amongst those also present were Mrs. W. Aldrick, Mrs. Gingell, Mrs. T. Nichols, Miss E. Gale, Mr. A. Haines, Mrs. John Drewett, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Flay, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. H. Wiltshire and Mr. E. Seaford.

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