



Obituaries

Castle Eaton

Mr George Kibblewhite

We regret to record the death of Mr George Kibblewhite of Raeville, Winstonian Road, Cheltenham, who succumbed somewhat suddenly from an attack of angina pectoris on Monday night. He had for some time past suffered from blood pressure, and latterly had a touch of the 'flu, but no immediate danger was apprehended until, about ten o'clock on Monday night, he collapsed and passed away within half an hour.

Mr Kibblewhite was born at Castle Eaton, Wilts, 64 years and seven months ago, and was brought to Cheltenham by his parents when an infant. He received his education at St John's School, and afterwards entered the service of Messrs John Williams and Co, coal merchants of High Street, with whom he remained for 34 years, retiring some three years ago. For many years and up to the time of his death he was a member of the Cheltenham Lodge of the Gloucester Conservative Benefit Society, the members of which showed their respect for him by electing him Master of the Lodge. For some years he served as sidesman at St John's Church, and as an ardent Conservative he took a keen interest in both local and Parliamentary elections for the borough.

Mr Kibblewhite was an enthusiast for swimming and water polo in his youth. He became secretary of the old Alston SC when it was formed thirty years ago. This club so developed that it became as powerful at the Town Club, which eventually made overtures resulting in the amalgamation of the two. Mr Kibblewhite then became joint secretary of the the Town Club with Mr E W Smith, a post which he retained until 1902, when it was handed over to Mr Alan Lewis.

The deceased married Miss Millicent Thompson of Hull seven years ago, and he leaves a widow and an adopted daughter.

The funeral took place at Cheltenham Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

The first portion of the Burial Service took place at St John's Church, at which the deceased formerly served as a sidesman. The Rev Cyril Lancaster (vicar) officiated. As the mourners were assembling the organist (Mr C H Price) played "O Rest in the Lord". Afterwards accompanying the hymn "On the Resurrection Morning" and at the close playing the Dead March in Saul.

The chief mourners were Mrs Kibblewhite (the widow), Mr William Kibblewhite, London, (brother), Mrs F Corbett (sister) and Mr F Corbett (brother-in-law), Mr J C Thompson, Chelsea pensioner (father-in-law), Miss Thompson, London (daughter-in-law), Mr A E Thompson (brother-in-law), Miss gilder and Mr and Mrs T Hawker.

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