



St. Mary Church, Odstock

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The death occurred at his residence on Tuesday in last week of Mr. Walter Ford, at the untimely age of 36. He had been ill for some months past, and consequently the end was not completely unexpected. He was a member of the oldest family in Odstock, being a grandson of the late Hiram Witt. His death has caused great sorrow not only in the village, but in the surrounding neighbourhood, as was shown at the funeral, which people attended from near and far.

His life was an example to all, as although he was a busy, hard-working man he was ever ready to assist in any good work. He was exemplary in his home life, while full and implicit trust was placed in him in all his business transactions. For many years he was churchwarden and a very useful member of the C. E. T. S. (*Church of England Temperance Society*). There is no doubt the village has suffered a sad loss, and his place will be hard to fill. He leaves a wife and five young sons to mourn his death, and with them the greatest sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, the church being crowded. The Rector (Rev. P. E. Miles), the Rev. W. Symons, and the Rev. G. Morres officiated. The opening sentences were read by the Rev. G. Morres, and the lesson was read by the Rev. G. Goddard. The hymn "On the Resurrection Morning," was sung in the church. The rector read the committal sentences at the grave, and the Rev. W. Symons, the closing prayers. The coffin was borne to the graveside by his friends, Messrs. Henry Miles and Charles Miles, and his employees, Messrs. Witt, Abel, Young, Herrington and Safe.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Ford (widow), Percy, Albert, Charlie and Leslie (sons), Mrs. Feltham, Mrs. Gay, and Mrs. Scammell (sisters), Messrs. Feltham, Scammel, Ridout, A. Chalk, and E. Chalk (brothers-in-law), Mr. Chalk (father-in-law), Mrs. Fred Feltham, Mrs. Ridout, Mrs. A. Chalk, Mrs. Musselwhite, and Mrs. Hunt (sisters-in-law), Messrs. Tom, Albert, Frank, and Fred Feltham, and Messrs. Harry Ford, Fred Ford, and Albert Gay (nephews), Miss Ivy Gay (niece), Messrs. E. Witt, H. Witt, and W. Chalk (uncles), Mrs. H. Witt (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. Gunner (Salisbury), Mrs. Musselwhite, and Misses Nellie and Ada Witt (cousins). Among others present we noted the Rev. R. G. Plumtre (Downton), Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Harold Miles, Misses Miles, Mr. Pike, Miss Harding, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Biddlecombe, Mrs. Read, Mr. and Mrs. G. Haskell, Mrs. W. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Biddlecombe, Messrs. R. E. Macan, C.K. Hulbert, J. Harding, C. Coombs, T. Masters, A. H. Bristow, G. Fray, H. Marks, W. G. Masters (Salisbury), Smith, Deag, and M. Warner, Jnr.. (Woodfalls), Mrs. Abel, and Miss R. Day.

There were a large number of beautiful floral tributes, those contributing being:

"In ever loving remembrance," from his wife, a harp of white chrysanthemums and lilies, with a broken string.

"In ever loving memory" from his dear children

His brother and sister in America; sisters, nephews and nieces; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ford; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bristow; Mr. and Mrs. G. Gaskell; Rev. T. G. and Mrs. Morres, wreath of holly and white chrysanthemums; Miss Miles, Miss Margery Miles, Mr. Henry Miles and Mr. Charles Miles; Mr. and Mrs. C. Coombs; Mrs. W. Ford and children; Mr. Charles J. Woodrow (Salisbury); Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Masters (Salisbury); Major-General and Mrs. Hay, sheaf of white chrysanthemums; Mr. and Mrs. J. Stowell Rumming (Britford); the Rev. P. E. and Mrs. Miles, anchor of violets and lilies of the valley; Mr. and Mrs. T. Musselwhite; Miss F. G. Buckley; wreath of white chrysanthemums and lilies of the valley from "The Employees"; Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant; Mr. Edward Witt and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. Harding and family; Mr. and Mrs. Gunner and family (Salisbury); Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miles; Messrs. Pepperell Bros. (Salisbury); Mr. and Mrs. G. Biddlecombe; Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert and family.

On Sunday morning there was a large attendance of mourners in church. Appropriate hymns were sung, and Rev. W. Symons preached a very appropriate sermon. At the evening service the "Dead March" in Saul was played

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