



Funeral Report

The Late Mr. J. Pike

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Mr. John Pike, of 5 The Green, Highworth, who died suddenly on Saturday, aged 76. Mr. Pike appeared to be in good health and retired as usual about 11 p.m. on Friday. As he did not come down to breakfast, his daughter (Mrs. E. Fry), with whom he lived, went to call him and found that he had passed away in his sleep. Mr. Pike was a native of Lechlade and was employed for many years by the GWR Company as a carpenter at the Engineers' Depot at Bristol but came to Highworth over 30 years ago. His wife died nine years since. He leaves 2 daughters. The funeral service at the Congregational Church was conducted by the Rev. A. Antrobus and the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light" was sung. Mr. Pike was a member of the choir at this church for many years.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Kembrey, of Swindon (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. E. Fry (son-in-law), Mr. H. Gibbs (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Tomkins (nephew and niece), Miss Gibbs (niece), Mrs. I. Hawkins (niece) and Mr. W. Gilman (nephew). Mrs. E. Fry was unable to attend. There was a large number of floral tributes. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs King and Hill, King and Queen Yard, Brewery Street, Highworth.

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