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Death of Mr. C. G. MATTHEWS. - It is with much regret that we record the death on Friday week of Mr. Christopher Gilbert MATTHEWS, of 18 West-street, well known as a carrier between here and Newport. Mr. MATTHEWS, who was 65, had suffered from failing health for some months, but his death came somewhat suddenly. He was a son of the late Mr. E. MATTHEWS, a former mace-bearer to the Newport Corporation. As a member of the Hampshire Regiment he saw active service on the North-West Frontier, and during the war of 1914-18, in which he rose to the rank of R.S.M. From 1920 to 1925 he was recruiting sergeant in the Island, and on retiring went into business as a carrier. In his younger days Mr. MATTHEWS won many trophies for athletics, and later became a skilled angler. He was chairman of the I.W. Angling Society and a member of the committee of the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club. He was also a member of the committee of the Town Club and of the Order of Buffaloes, in which he held the rank of R.O.H., and was hon. treasurer of the Clarence Lodge for 18 years. He enjoyed the high regard of all who came into contact with him, and deep sympathy is felt for his widow and son.

The funeral took place on Wednesday a service being held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. CORY, with whom was the Rev. C. E. PATERSON, of Cowes (Grand Provincial Chaplain, R.A.O.B.). Accompanied on the organ by Mr. W. L. REED, the choir-boys led the singing of the hymns "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Abide with me," and chanted the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis. Mr. REED also played "O rest in the Lord." Mr. PATERSON conducted the R.A.O.B. ceremonial at the graveside. The mourners were Mrs. MATTHEWS (widow), Mr. and Mrs. L. C. MATTHEWS (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. SHOESMITH (sister), Mr. and Mrs. C. MATTHEWS and Mr. and Mrs. W. MATTHEWS (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. E. MATTHEWS (brother), Mr. H. WICKENS and Miss WICKENS (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. FARR (nephew and niece), Mrs. E. SCOTT, Mr. W. E. N. SCOTT, and Mrs. NOBBS. Mr. J. BARKHAM, a close friend, was unable to be present owing to illness.

The R.A.O.B., was represented by Bros. W. H. MARSH, P.G.P. (Falcon Lodge, Shanklin), H. McCOMB, P.P.G.P., M. CAWS P.P.G.P., vice-president, K.C. (Beatrice Lodge, Newport), P.G. and W. W. SUTTON, A. RUSSELL. W. BISHOP, J. FEW, E. W. CREETH, J. KIRKHOPE, F. JUPE, A. SALTER, C. HERBERT, and S. MUNDELL (Clarence Lodge), C. HUNT, (Carisbrooke), A. E. FLEMING, A. F. SALMON, G. WALLS, and C. WHITE (Binstead), Scott JACKSON (Shanklin), and J. A. FRYER (Beatrice, Newport. Mr. Walton WADHAM represented the I.W. Angling Society, and Messrs. D. G. TIMMS (captain), L.C. TANCOCK (hon. secretary and treasurer), J. R. RAVMENT, J. E. TIMS, W. RUSSELL, S.M. TOMBS, C. LIFE, F. H. CHRISTMAS, F. TESTER, E. R. DURRANT, P. PHILBRICK, and W. MILLER, Mrs. FRY for A. V. FRY, Miss K.M.S. MILLER for the Rev. H. G. W. MILLER, and Mrs. MORGAN for F. MORGAN, the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club. The Town Club was represented by Messrs. F. A. BRICKELL (chairman), J. HART, F. FRY, R. G. BARTER, F. STRIVENS, and A. BUNDELL, and among others present were Messrs. A. MORTRAM, A. V. RICHARDS, F. V. LESTER, F. KING, J. C. EAMES, A. F. WILLIAMS (representing the Hants. Regt.), and G. PRICE (representing the Island carriers), Mrs. A. F. WILLIAMS, Mrs. J. TIMS, Mrs. T. KING, Mr. and Mrs. RODD, and Mrs. NEWNHAM. The many floral tributes included those from the Clarence Lodge; the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club; the I.W. angling Society; the Town Club; and his fellow carriers at Newport.

Mr. H. V. TAYLOR was the undertaker.

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