

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MATTHEW.

It is with deepest regret that we have, this week, to record the death of an old and valued townsman—Mr. John Matthew—who died at his residence, Park Terrace, Cambridge, on Tuesday morning. For upwards of thirteen years, Mr. Matthew has been troubled with a heart affection, but he was able to attend to his business duties until about two months ago, when he became the victim of an attack of dropsy, and for some time his death has been expected. He rallied again, however, and although unable to leave his rooms, his condition greatly improved, and remained so until Tuesday, on which morning, about six o'clock, he passed suddenly and peacefully away, at the age of 77.

Mr. Matthew was well known and respected as the head of the firm of Matthew and Son, in Trinity Street, where he has successfully carried on business for upwards of fifty years. Being, in the first instance, in partnership with Mr. Gent, he survived his partner, and, some years later, took into business his eldest son, Mr. Henry John Matthew, who, unfortunately, died about ten years ago. Although prevented, on the score of health, from taking a prominent part in public affairs, Mr. Matthew for some time represented the parish of Holy Sepulchre on the Board of Improvement Commissioners. He also, for a considerable period, held the office of churchwarden in the parish of All Saints', in which parish he was a trustee of Forester's Charity until he removed to another parish. He held a similar position in the Cambridge Savings Bank.

The deceased gentleman was widely known, especially in the Town and University of Cambridge, as a man of good business qualities, combined with those characteristics of amiability and benevolence which could not fail to make him beloved by all with whom he was acquainted, and the sad event which we here record has called forth many expressions of grief and sympathy.

The Funeral

The funeral took place at noon to-day (Friday), and the esteem in which Mr. Matthew was held was demonstrated by the numbers of his fellow-townsmen who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory, and who included the Rev. W. Goodliff, Messrs. T. Dixon, W. H. Hattersley, G. W. Hattersley and J. O. Pain. The mourners were Messrs. Arthur, Herbert, and George Matthew, sons of the deceased; Mr. Harold Matthew, grandson; Mr. James E. Matthew, Mr. F. D. Matthew, and Mr. T. H. Bartlett, nephews, of London; Mr. O. S. Bulstrode, who had charge of the funeral arrangements; and several friends. At the gates of the Mill Road Cemetery, the procession was joined by the whole of the *employées*, who had previously contributed a wreath. The funeral service was conducted throughout by the Rev. J. G. Dixon, Vicar of Christ Church.

[*Editorial note: The first long paragraph of this obituary has been split into three for readability on screen, and a subheading inserted before the second paragraph.*]