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MR. THOMAS DAVIE

After a life teeming with action and varied experiences in many parts of the world, Mr. Thomas Davie died at his residence, 2, Clifton Place, on Saturday, at the age of 71.

His chief claim to being remembered by postérity is the fact that for 35 years Mr. Davie was town crier in Ilfracombe. His strong, resonant voice was ideally suited to the requirements of this post, and he became so well known that a leading national newspaper published an article about him which alluded to "the voice that rocks Ilfracombe." His voice was certainly a local institution.

From the early days of his youth the urge of the sea was in his blood—a heritage proudly handed to him by his father, who was a master mariner. For many years, incidentally, his father and mother lived on Lantern Hill. It was not surprising, therefore, when young Davie entered the Marines, in which he served for ten years before being invalided out.

This was a great disappointment to him, but he found some consolation in superintending the local life-saving apparatus for 30 years. In recognition of his loyal services in this connection he was awarded a long-service medal.

When the Great War broke out he was 57, and consequently too old to serve. The very thought that other less active men were being allowed to fight for their country filled him with mixed feelings, the outcome of which was that, cleverly disguising his age, he enlisted. His patriotic gesture deceived the authorities for some time, but after six months the truth was discovered and he was object to return to his native town.

Mr. Davie was never so happy as when he was talking about the seamy side of life as he had seen it in many parts of the globe or about his numerous experiences as town crier. His bluff, hearty manner won for him a multitude of friends, who will be conscious of a breach in their lives. He was truly a man who could find happiness in work and action.

A widow, two sons and three daughters are left to mourn their irreparable loss. The two married daughters are Mrs. Haines (Cardiff) & Mrs. Plant (London).

The funeral took place at the Marlboro' cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the family mourners being: Mrs. T. Davie (widow); Messrs. T. and S. Davey (sons); Mrs. C. Haines, Mrs. Plant, Miss A. Davie and Miss E. Davie (daughters); Messrs. J. D. Summerwill, T. Summerwill, J. Balley and J. Davie (cousins).

Friends present at the funeral were Messrs. W. E. Slocombe, W. P. Lawler and W. German. The bearers were Messrs. G. Williams, W. Williams, E. Ley and E. Price.

Floral tributes were sent from his loving wife and children; Alice and Eva; Sid, Joan, Marjorie and Pam; Chlora, Tommy and Frank (Cardiff); Charles and family (London); Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Summerwill and family; T. and F. Summerwill; Lydia (Exmouth); Sarah (Barnstaple); cousin Polly (London); S.S.P.J. Old Scholars' Association; J. Crang; the staff of the Collingwood Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. T. Price; Mrs. Gemmell and family; Mrs. Clements; neighbours at Clarence Cottages, Belvedere and Springfield.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs W. Pearce and Son, Wilder Road.

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The following amounts have been received in connection with the appeal

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