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MRS E. BLACKWELL

The death occurred recently of Mrs Emma Blackwell (Sewell street, Kaiapoi), widow of Mr Thomas George Blackwell.

Mrs Blackwell, who was born at Kaiapoi in 1863, had been closely associated with the Kaiapoi Methodist Church all her life, being for 38 years and at the time of death a teacher in the Sunday school. She was a foundation member of the Kaiapoi branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and was treasurer for 30 years.

Mrs Blackwell attended the old Kaiapoi Church of England day school and afterwards Mr Wake's school in Fuller street, and was one of the first pupils at the Kaiapoi Borough School. She took an active interest in the old scholars' reunions, and was honorary secretary of the Kaiapoi Church of England Day School Old Scholars' Association for many years.

In private life Mrs Blackwell's home was always open to her many friends, and she was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed, and will be sadly missed by a wide circle.

She is survived by two sons, Mr Charles G. Blackwell (Auckland) and Mr Arthur T. Blackwell (Christchurch).

There was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place on Friday afternoon. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. L. C. Horwood, the funeral took place at the Kaiapoi Public Cemetery. Pall-bearers were Messrs H. G. Hunt, J. H. Blackwell, H. E. Evans (nephews), and T H. Blackwell (grandson).

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