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**Obituary**

**MRS. IDA MARY DOWNING**

Mrs. Ida Mary Downing, of "Tan-yr-Allt," Tan-y-Bryn Road, Craigydon, died last Friday in her 75th year. Formerly of Stourton Hall, Stourbridge, Mrs. Downing came to reside at "Tan-yr-Allt" about ten years ago. Her family had been connected with the house for fifty years.

Mrs. Downing wrote extensively for the B.B.C. and in the early days of broadcasting in 1923 wrote verses for the Midland Regional epilogue which was broadcast every Sunday night for many years. These were so popular that she later published them in two volumes. She also wrote poems for the Midland Children's Hour and was known to the children as "Mother Goose." These poems were also published under the title of "The Twilight Hour." She was extremely fond of historical plays and in the broadcast version of "The Life of Mary Stuart," which she had written, she played the title role.

The funeral was at Llanrhos Churchyard on Wednesday, following cremation at Birkenhead on Tuesday. The Vicar, Canon G. R. Davies, officiated. The chief mourners were Mr. Noel Downing and Mr. Tom Kendrick, nephews; Mr. Percy Edgar, O.B.E., Midland Regional Director of the B.B.C. and Mr. G. Wood Massey.

Wreaths were received from: Mary, E. Morgan, Eva and Gardeners; J. Wood Massey; Tom, Helen and Frances; Mrs Munns; E. R. Malcolm Kirby; Cook, Maria and Emily. D. W. Pitchford; M. Foxall, John and Phillip; Miss Una Munns; Mrs. L. Johnstone; Mr and Mrs Percy Edgar; Dr. and Mrs A. Maddock Jones; Nurse B. Jones; Noel and Tom.

Messrs. W. Dobinson and Son were in charge of the funeral arrangements.