

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT A. S. BLUNT

MANY YEARS STEWARD OF CONYNGHAM ESTATE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Herbert Arthur Scawen Blunt, which occurred at his residence, the "Old Parsonage," Ospringe, on March 23rd, from the effects of a chill which he caught at White Hill Woods, Nackington, the previous Friday, death following from pneumonia. The deceased gentleman had been steward for the Conyngham estate for 34 years, and since taking up his residence at Ospringe a few years ago had been in the habit of travelling to Canterbury daily. He was well-known in the district, and for many years took a keen interest in the business and social life of East Kent, and he was at one time a member of the Bridge Rural District Council.

FUNERAL AT PATRIBOURNE.

The funeral took place at Patribourne on Saturday, the church being filled with the relatives and friends wishing to pay their last tributes of respect. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Hubert Knight (Vicar of Patribourne and Bridge) and the Rev. C. F. Hodges (Vicar of Ospringe), while Mr. S. W. Mount presided at the organ, and the Bridge choir were present. The coffin had been borne by road from Ospringe the same morning, reaching Patribourne about noon, when it was placed in the church to await the service. The organist played "O rest in the Lord" (Meyerhoff), and the service opened with the Gloria, "O God, our help in ages past," followed by the chanting of the 23rd Psalm. The lesson, from Revelations xxi., was read by the Vicar of Ospringe, and the service concluded with the hymn "On the Resurrection Morning," and the Nunc Dimittis. The mortal remains were then borne to the south portion of the churchyard and interred near the Conyngham vaults, the grave having been lined with ivy and daffodils by Mr. A. Kett (head gardener at Bifrons).

The principal mourners were Mrs. Blunt (widow), Miss Blunt (sister), Colonel Blunt (brother), Colonel and Miss Sheepshank, Colonel and Mrs. Fair, Colonel Gogarty, Mrs. Kenrick, Mrs. Jupp, Lady Shifner and Mr. Blencowe. Among the large

gathering in the church or at the graveside were noticed the Hon. Mrs. Talbot and Mr. A. Kett (churchwardens), Colonel the Hon. M. G. Talbot, Major and Mrs. Gordon Home, Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Ronald, Mr. H. T. and Miss Bensted, the Rev. S. C. Woods, the Rev. R. U. Potts, Dr. A. T. Wilson, Messrs. T. Louis Collard, R. Wye, C. Wills, C. West, R. Friend, J. Friend, A. Wilson, S. Gilbert, G. Stone, B. W. Edwards, G. Russ, W. Colthup, Lewis H. Finn, E. Byron Kelsey, E. W. Baker, J. W. Robinson, T. S. Coleman, Arthur Marchant, W. F. Crawford, T. Hume, H. T. Willett, C. Dunkin, Guy Petley, F. de B. Collard, F. Spanton, W. H. Court, A. H. Amey, Holman Teal, Holness Miller, C. Hollands, G. Setterfield, R. Dock, v, Silsby (representing Lloyds Bank, Canterbury), A. H. Field (representing Messrs. Saltwell and Co., solicitors).

Many wreaths and floral tributes were sent. These included the widow's beautiful full-length cross of daffodils and red carnations; and others sent by the Dowager Marchioness Conyngham; employees of Bifrons Estate; Ellen and Betty; staff at Ospringe Parsonage; Elsie; Arthur H. Field; Mr. and Mrs. W. Chapman; Major and Mrs. Gordon Home; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Bensted; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Creed; Mr. A. H. Whiting; Mrs. H. H. J. Fawcett; Colonel and Mrs. James G. Fair; the Vicar of Ospringe; Mr. and Mrs. Herdman Porter and family; Major E. Faunce de Laune; Mrs. Almack; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Finn; Mr. and Mrs. Ruck; Mrs. Geoffrey Corbett; Mr. and Mrs. Lowton; Captain and Mrs. George Wheler; Mr. and Mrs. Tassell; women of Ospringe; C. Whiting and S. A. Pepper; Bekesbourne Football Club; Bess and Gerald; Arthur S. Saltwell; Mrs. Elgar Leuchars; Miss Beatrice and Miss Grace; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Jupp; Miss Burness and H. M. Burness; garden staff at Bifrons; Nina, Beatrice and Ethel; Edward and Grace, Arthur; tenants of Bifrons Estate; Mr. and Mrs. Burchett; Bess and Nellie; tenants of Bridge; Mrs. Henry Averell Daniell; Blanche; all at Arthington; Mrs. J. Ronald and Patricia; Mrs. Edwin Kelsey and E. Byron Kelsey; Mrs. Potts and Miss Potts; Mrs. H. S. Mount; Mr. C. Dunkin; matron and nurses; Bridge Fire Brigade; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wye; George Setterfield and family; Mrs. Arthur Marchant and family; the Hon. Mrs. Milo G. Talbot; Mrs. Frank Pern and Nancy; Mrs. Evelyn C. Money; Bertram R. Apps; Mrs. E. W. Baker; E. Cage and Sons; W. H. Court and firm.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Whiting Bros., of Ospringe.