

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from March 1915



The Late Rev. C.D.B. Marsham

A great sorrow has fallen upon the Parish since our last issue, which it seems indeed hard to write about. Our beloved Rector, who had been seriously ill for many weeks, has passed away, mourned by us all, honoured and loved by all who knew him.

For twenty-seven years he had laboured in the Parish, winning the esteem and affection of those whom he ministered. The good of the Parish was always his first consideration, and never was there anyone in suffering, in need, or in mourning, but they experienced his ready sympathy, his willing help, or his kindly words of advice. He always took the greatest interest in the schools and young people of the Parish, We have all indeed lost a dear friend, whose presence among us will be sorely missed.

He bore his last illness with the greatest fortitude and patience. He was able to receive the last Sacrament with his family with the exception of Capt. F. Marsham, now at the front. He passed away at 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning, 2nd March, and was laid to rest on the following Saturday under the shadow of the Church he loved so well.

The funeral was very largely attended, both by his own friends and by the parishioners among whom he had worked for so many years. There was a full choir, and A. Tong jun. presided at the organ as Mr. F. Crossley had been detained in camp. The grave was lined with moss, ivy and snowdrops by Mr. T. Brandrick. The deepest sympathy from the entire Parish goes out to Mrs. Marsham, and to his sons and daughters who mourn his loss.

The V.A.D. Hospital Hayle Place - Maidstone

If any readers are kindly disposed to help this hospital by any gifts they will be gratefully accepted and taken to the hospital on Thursday in each week. The Game season being over and vegetables very scarce, any offerings such as Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Fowls, Tea, Cocoa, Sugar, Jam, etc. will be especially acceptable. There have been 40 to 60 Patients at the Hospital during the last weeks.

News from the Front

Harold Tupper and A. Sutton R.A.M.C. are now at the front and Wm. J. Bristow has joined the Royal Naval Air Service.