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Death of Mrs. F. A. SMITH. - After a sudden severe attack brought on by a chill, with serious complications, Mrs. SMITH, wife of the Rev. F. A. SMITH, supernumerary Wesleyan minister of Binstead, was taken to the Victor Nursing Home, Ryde, on Christmaseve. There Dr. ASTON, of Seaview, and the nurses in attendance, were most devoted in their splendid service, but on Tuesday afternoon she was most peacefully "called home." In her missionary career for long years in the Bahamas she did a strenuous work amongst the women and young girls on the outer islands in church training, nursing, and as lady doctor in a great fever outbreak. Her winsome personality, high intelligence and continual self-sacrifice won for her there in the homeland, and on the island for the last 14 years, much responsive love, which she deeply appreciated.

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The Funeral of Mrs. SMITH. – whose death is reported on page 11, took place at the Methodist Church on Thursday. The Rev. A. G. LLOYD officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. J. KEELEY, of Shanklin. The hymns sung were "Rock of ages" and "Abide with me" and Mrs. P. BOYCE played the organ. Mr. LLOYD gave an address. The mourners were the Rev. F. A. SMITH (husband), Mr. Stephen, A. BENNETT, C.C. (nephew), Miss Winifred RUSSELL, and Mrs. John DYER (nieces). The interment was at the Cemetery, and among the choice flowers was one from the members of Binstead Methodist Church

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