

THE REV. A. F. DE GEX'S LOSS

A sad domestic blow has been experienced by the Rev. A. F. de GEX, of 16 Monkton-street, in the loss by death of their eldest son, **John Alexander**, which took place on Saturday after only a fortnight's illness. The little lad, he was but 11 years of age, succumbed to pneumonia after an attack of measles. He was a bright and promising boy with charming manners, and sincere sympathy is felt for the parents in their great loss by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. On Tuesday evening the body was removed to St. Michael's Church, where Mr. de GEX is assistant priest, and vespers of the dead were said. The funeral took place on Wednesday, when there was a large attendance, both at the church and the cemetery, where the interment took place. The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. DURHAM) officiated and presided at the organ for the singing of the hymns "Abide with me" and "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep." In addition to the family mourners, scholars of the Grammar School, where the deceased lad was being educated, attended with members of the Grammar School Wolf Cubs, Miss LEIGHTON, and Messrs. G. BALLARD and T. HODGES (representing the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, where Mr. de GEX was for some time curate), Messrs. H. E. INKER and G. RICHARDS (churchwardens of St. Michael's), F. P. MELLISH and W. J. WHITE (representing the sidesmen), and many members of the congregation. Among a large collection of beautiful flowers were wreaths from the vicar, churchwardens and congregation of St. Michael's; the headmaster, staff and scholars of the Grammar School; St. Michael's Boys' Club; the 3rd Ryde Grammar School Wolf Cubs; and the employees of Mr. E. C. Goble's nurseries. Mr. and Mrs. de GEX have received many letters of sympathy and condolence, including one from the Ryde Fraternal.
