

YARMOUTH RECTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH

The Rev. **George William RUMBLE** (65), rector of Yarmouth, died suddenly on Tuesday morning on his way to the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, only six weeks after his institution at the parish church.

Mr. RUMBLE was taken ill and an ambulance was called to convey him to Ryde, but his condition deteriorated during the journey, and he died before reaching Newport. He was then taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Newport.

Mr. RUMBLE was instituted at St. James's Church, Yarmouth, on February 21st, by the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Rev. J. H. L. PHILLIPS. He succeeded the Rev. E. T. LANG, who also died suddenly a year previously. He is the fifth clergyman to die in the West Wight deanery in the last 14 months.

Mr. RUMBLE was born in North London, and spent over 40 years in the civil service, working at the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Supply. When he retired in 1959 he had reached the position of principal. He had been an enthusiastic member of the scouting movement for 40 years, and attained the coveted award of King's Scout. He subsequently became district commissioner for Shoreditch. His other interests included Christian Stewardship, and he was a lay reader at Barnet.

During the last war he served in the Home Guard in the badly blitzed East End of London. Mr. RUMBLE studied for a year at Bishop's College, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, and was ordained a deacon at Portsmouth Cathedral in 1960 by the Bishop of Portsmouth (The Rt Rev. J. H. L. PHILLIPS). He was ordained priest in 1961 at what was believed to be the first ordination service at All Saints' Church, Ryde, by the bishop, becoming assistant curate to Canon R. BASSETT. He latterly assisted the Rev. R. H. GRANGER, R.D., and was youth officer for the East Wight.

His institution at St. James's Church, Yarmouth, made him the only clergyman whom the Bishop of Portsmouth had both ordained and instituted in a parish.

He leaves a widow and a daughter, Mrs. R. B. E. BELL of Ashe.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. G. W. RUMBLE

A congregation of about 350 assembled at Ryde Parish Church on Friday week at a memorial service for the Rev. George William RUMBLE, who died suddenly on April 4th, only six weeks after his institution as rector of Yarmouth. He succeeded the Rev. E. T. LANG, who also died suddenly, a year previously.

Mr. RUMBLE was assistant curate from 1961 until he became rector of Yarmouth, and at the memorial service the Rev. R. H. GRANGER, R.D. (vicar of Ryde) paid tribute to his work and life in the parish. The service was conducted by the vicar, and the choir led the singing of the 23rd Psalm and the hymns "Put thou thy trust in God" and "Jesus lives." Mr. W. L. REED was organist.

The Archdeacon (the Ven. R. V. SCROBY) and clergy from the East Wight and West Wight deaneries attended. Also among the congregation were the Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde (Mr. and Mrs. J. B. W. BROWNSDON) and members of the Town Council, Miss B. RUSHWORTH (home sister) of the Royal I.W. County Hospital, and members of local organisations and clubs.
