

DEATH OF THE RECTOR'S SON.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of **Charles STOOKS**, the son of the Rev. C.S. STOOKS, Rector of Binstead, which took place on Saturday April 27th. He was only 17 years of age and had been a student of Portsmouth Municipal College, where he hoped in July to sit for the wireless operator's first-class certificate. He was taken ill at the beginning of the week, and later pneumonia set in to which he succumbed at the Rectory on Saturday morning. He was a quiet unassuming lad, particularly keen in his studies, in which he showed great promise. In the village he was well-known and beloved by many friends. Heartfelt expressions of sympathy have gone out to the Rector and his family in their sad loss.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 30th and was of an impressive and simple character. The remains were brought from the Rectory to the Parish Church, where the Vicar of Ryde (Canon G.A. JOHNSTONE) conducted the service. As the cortege entered the church the organist (Mr. O.J. FEBEN) played "Blest are the departed" (SPOHR). The other voluntaries were "O rest in the Lord" and "The Lord is mindful of His own." The choir led the singing of "Let saints on earth," Jesu, meek and gentle," and "On the resurrection morning."

The mourners were the Rev. C.S. STOOKS (father), Mrs. STOOKS (stepmother), Master J.STOOKS (brother), the Misses N. M., Joan and Joyce STOOKS (sisters), and the Misses SIDBOTHAM and STOOKS (aunts).

As the body was taken from the church the Nunc Dimittus was chanted. The procession to the cemetery was led by the choir boys and included a large number of friends. Among others present at the church and graveside were Col. Rudyerd HELPMAN and Mr. G. HIBBS (churchwardens), Messrs. J. COOKE, H. SALMON, W. WILLS, E. VENUS, and B. TWYMAN (sidesmen), Mr. W.E. LOWE (chairman of the Parish Council), Major and Mrs. A.C. BOVILL, the Misses TATTNALL, Mrs. COOKE, Mrs. H. VENUS, and Mrs. SIVELL, and Miss BICK, (representing the Sunday School), Messrs. A. HILL and H. JAMES, Mrs. MATTHEWS (enrolling member) and several members of the Mothers' Union.

The remains were enclosed in an unpolished oak coffin with brass furniture inscribed "Charles Bertram STOOKS died April 27, aged 17 years" and were laid to rest in a grave lined with moss and primrose. The hymn "Jesus lives" was sung at the graveside. There were many beautiful wreaths, including tokens from the Mothers' Union, the Sunday Schools, Binstead C.E. Schools, and the choir and organist of Binstead Church.

Mr. VENUS was responsible for the arrangements.
