

OBITUARY

MR. G. E. STANWAY

We record with regret the death, which took place at his residence, The Chalet, Mayfield Road, Ryde, on Thursday, of Mr. George E. STANWAY, headmaster of the Ryde Central School. Only 54 years of age, Mr. STANWAY was taken ill about a month ago whilst engaged in duties at the Ryde A.T.C. Headquarters. He made progress towards recovery, but on Thursday another heart attack was fatal.

Mr. STANWAY came to the Island from the South Church Hall, Southend, in 1925, as headmaster of the Yarmouth C.E. School. Ten years later he succeeded Mr. M. L. HARMAN as headmaster of the Ryde C.E. Senior School, Green Street, and early in 1941 was appointed to the headmastership of the Central School, upon the retirement of Mr. WEARN.

Mr. STANWAY's career was exemplary and he won the confidence of the educational authorities, his colleagues, the scholars and their parents. In the emphasis he placed upon character building he was unswerving, and his numerous good qualities were directed towards the moulding of responsible citizens.

His thoughtful leadership was also apparent in the discharge of his duties as Flying Officer and first commanding officer of the No. 1024 (Borough of Ryde) Squadron Air Training Corps, and the success of the Corps owed much to his efforts. As a member of the Ryde Area War Savings Committee he gave valuable service, and the returns of his own school in this field and in other efforts were eloquent testimony to his influence.

Sincere sympathy is felt with the widow, son and daughter.

Cremation took place at Southampton on Tuesday. On the same day a memorial service was held at the Ryde Parish Church, the Vicar (Canon R. S. MOXON) officiating, assisted by the Rev. F. H. ROLPH and the Rev. S. J. CORNISH (chaplain to the Ryde A.T.C. Squadron). Mr. E. G. WELSH (organist) accompanied the singing of the hymns.

Among many others present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. H. W. O. WEEKS), Lieut.-Col. W. A. MURRAY, Alderman W. S. RUSSELL, Mr. A. E. AYMES, T.C., Mr. G. J. EVANS, T.C., Mr. H. W. BLOOD-RYAN and Mr. B. F. HOLNESS (members of the Ryde A.T.C. Squadron Committee), a section of the A.T.C. under Flying Officer A. R. MELLOR, Flying Officer H. J. DAVIS (representing No. 757 Squadron of the A.T.C.).

Alderman G. E. MEARS (chairman of the I.W. County Education Committee) and Mrs. MEARS attended, and the County Director of Education (Mr. A. L. HUTCHINSON), who was unable to attend through illness, was represented Mr. H. W. MULLIS (County Youth Organiser).

Mr. A. C. WHITE (acting headmaster at the Central School) attended with senior scholars. The congregation also included Miss LIDDLE and Mr. F. PEACH (president and secretary, respectively of the county branch of the National Teachers' Union), Mr. W. J. SANDERS and Mr. L. W. DOWNER (president and secretary respectively of the I.W. Headteachers' Association), Mr. S. J. GUPPY (representing the Cowes teachers), Mr. D. H. GREATWOOD (headmaster, Newport Secondary School).

Mr. J. L. MACKENZIE, Mr. J. STAINER, Miss CLARENCE, Miss BENNETT, Miss WILLIAMS and Miss GARDNER (Ryde schools), Mr. W. WEARN (former headmaster, Ryde Central School), Mr. B. HALLAS C.C., Mrs. MACKENZIE, Miss MACKENZIE and Mrs. LATHAM. Mrs. C. E. LANDER was unavoidably absent.
