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FUNERAL OF MR. R. REYNOLDS ROWE.

The interment of Mr. Richard Reynolds Rowe, of Park House, Parkside, whose demise was recorded in these columns last week, took place at Mill Road Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. In spite of bitterly cold weather a large number of the deceased's relatives and friends attended the obsequies. The first part of the burial service was held in the parish church of St. Andrew the Great at two o'clock. The coffin was covered with a magnificent violet pall and drawn on a trolley by men to the Church, the carriages containing the mourners and numerous wreaths following. The pall bore the coat of arms of Mr. Rowe and the emblazonments of a Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, worked by Mrs. Rowe, and it was used at the special request of Mr. Rowe, who also left instructions as to the arrangements for his funeral. A cross bearer headed the procession. The *cortège* was met at the Church doors by the Vicar (the Rev. Harry Smith), the Curate (the Rev. R. A. Wyman), and the choir. The opening sentences were read by the Curate, Psalm 90 was sung by the choir, and the lesson was delivered by the Vicar. The hymns were "On the Resurrection Morning" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er." Mr. Fred. Dewberry, Borough Organist, presided at the organ, and at the conclusion of the service he gave a superb rendering of Chopin's "Funèbre." The concluding sentences at the graveside were said by the Rev. Harry Smith. The coffin was lowered in a brick grave, lined with ivy. On the lid of the coffin was a large brass cross and the inscription:—

RICHARD REYNOLDS ROWE,

Born 5th June, 1824.

Died 21st December, 1899.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Rowe, Miss Headley, Mr. John Papworth, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Robinson (Milton), Mr. Charles Elsworthy, Miss Wressell, Mr. Harold Harlock, Mr. Ald. Papworth, Mr. C. R. Scott and Mr. Pooley. There were also present either at the service or at the graveside a representative of Jesus College, the Ven. Archdeacon Emery, the Rev. Dr. Porter (Master of Peterhouse), the Rev. C. L. Acland, the Rev. E. G. Wood, Messrs. Thackray (Mayor of Huntingdon), Thackray, jun., E. Jackson (clerk to the Isle of Ely County Council), James Catling, W. T. Scruby, W. P. Spalding, B. W. Beales, jun., G. Kett, J. Vail, C. Stretton (Chief Constable of Cambs.), W. M. Fawcett, Arthur Rutter, A. L. Rutter, T. Lawrence, J. F. Symonds, W. H. Francis, Barnabas Gibson, Frank Waters, S. J. Miller, Seymour, T. H. Porter, T. R. Matthews, W. H. Jarrold, J. Hoppett, Frank Piggott, G. Stace, Clark, A. Swann, Phillips, T. Cook, R. Dent, T. Coulson, T. Page, Browsher (Ely), F. Holden, and many others.

Among many beautiful floral emblems of sympathy and regard one from *confreres* of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the form of the cross of the Order was very conspicuous. Upon the wreath was inscribed "A token of respectful regard and esteem from his *confreres* of the Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem." Other wreaths were received as under:—"With much sympathy, from the servants, Louisa and Kate;" "In remembrance of a valued friend, from Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Scott;" "In affectionate remembrance from us all, 2, Camden Place;" "With Thomas R. Matthews' deepest sympathy;" "With kind regards and sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Neville;" "In kind remembrance, from Miss E. Sayle;" "Miss E. Bell and Miss Bell's kind regards and sympathy;" "Mr. W. H. Jarrold and Miss H. Jarrold, with deep sympathy;" "In loving memory, from the Misses Green;" "In kind remembrance, from Mrs. Hughes;" "With deep sympathy and regret at the loss of a sincere friend, Mr. A. Rutter, Mr. A. L. Rutter, and Mr. R. Richmond Rutter;" "With Harold Harlock's deep sympathy and heartfelt regret;" "With Mr. W. B. Redfern's sincere sympathy;" "From the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Smith;" "In memory of a kind friend, Miss Pashler, Ely;" "With deep sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Miller;" "With sincere sympathy, from Robert Dent;" "With deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Elworthy;" "In loving sympathy, from A. B. Sussum and Harriet Bullock."

The Chancellor of the Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England (Earl Egerton of Tatton), the Director and Chairman of the Ambulance Department (Viscount Knutsford), through Sir Herbert Perrott, expressed their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Rowe. Numerous telegrams were received expressing regret at inability to be present at the funeral, including one from the Rev. Canon Rowe.
