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**SCHOOLMISTRESS'S DEATH AT  
 BOLNEY.**

**MISS R. E. MEAD.**

A wave of deep sadness spread through the village of Bolney on Monday of last week, when it became known that Miss Mead, the highly respected head mistress of the Church Schools, had passed away, having succumbed to pneumonia, following influenza. She opened school as usual on the morning of the 11th inst., but was unable to continue her duties through the day and retired to bed. The attack followed a normal course until Thursday, when serious symptoms developed, pneumonia supervening on the following day. She passed away very peacefully on the morning of the 18th inst. The deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Captain James Mead (Mercantile Marine), and of Mrs. Mead, of Bolney, formerly of Eastbourne. Trained at the Rose Hill College, Brighton, she had been assistant mistress at St. Philip's Schools, Eastbourne, and this position was followed by her holding that of head mistress at Broomhill and Camber Schools from 1913 to the end of 1915. She was appointed head mistress of the Bolney Schools in 1916, and soon won her way to the affection of the children (by whom she was greatly beloved) and the esteem of the parents. She was much interested in swimming and sports of all kinds, and in the general welfare of children, and was at one time Assistant Secretary of the Eastbourne Ladies' Swimming Club and also a member of the Poetry and Literary Society. Greatly interested in the Girl Guide movement, on a Company being formed at Bolney she was appointed Lieutenant. She was an active Church worker, and greatly loved by all with whom she came in contact. The funeral took place on Friday, the first part of the service being taken at the Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. MICHILL) officiated. The funeral cortège was met at the School entrance to the Churchyard by the Vicar and surpliced choir, and also by the local Company of Girl Guides, under the command of Lieutenant Andros (Infant School mistress), who formed a guard of honour. The path to the Church was lined by the school children, in charge of Miss Pratt and Miss Haslett (assistant mistresses). Miss Richardson was at the organ, and as the body was being borne into the Church and the large congregation took their seats, she gave a most sympathetic rendering of "Blest are the departed," from Spohr's "Last Judgment." The 23rd Psalm was chanted and the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," sung during the service, and at its conclusion "O Rest in the Lord" was feelingly given by the Organist. The procession was re-formed and the body conveyed through the lych gate to a motor hearse, preparatory to being conveyed to Ocklynge Cemetery, Eastbourne, for interment in the family grave. The coffin was of polished elm, and the brass plate bore the inscription:—

RUTH EMERSON MEAD,  
 Died November 18th, 1918,  
 In her 30th year.

The family mourners were Mrs. Kaltbach (sister), Mrs. A. H. Mason (step-sister), and Mr. O. Mason (brother-in-law). Owing to recent illness and shock, the deceased's mother was unable to be present. In the large congregation were noticed Mrs. E. Huth (School Manager), Mrs. W. W. Otter, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. and Miss D. Kimber, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. F. T. Payne, Miss M. Isted, Miss D. Gander, Mr. J. F. Bulbeck (a former Schoolmaster) and Mr. F. Mantell. The following were among the senders of the large number of floral tributes received:—

Mother, John and Daisy, Maud, Alf, May and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Langford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehorn, Mr. and Mrs. Baddeley, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and Philip, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanak, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. King and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bone and Mary, Mrs. Otter, Captain, Lieutenants and Brownies of Girl Guides, Three Assistants, Bolney School Children of Bolney School, Olive and Reggie, Willie, Percy and Mabel Lelliott, Peggy Woodman, A few friends of the Girl Guides (given by Mrs. Huth).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. F. T. Awcock.

Mrs. Mead and family wish to tender their very sincere thanks to the residents of Bolney for their expressions of sympathy and also for the beautiful floral tributes sent.—ADVT.