

DEATH OF MRS. HOSEGOOD

Matron of Cambridge Workhouse.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Hosegood, Master of the Cambridge Workhouse, in the death of his wife, which occurred shortly after midnight on Sunday. Mrs. Hosegood was universally respected as one of the best and oldest public servants in Cambridge, having been Matron of the Workhouse for a period of 36 years.

Bourn was Mrs. Hosegood's native place, her maiden name being Emma Porter. She was born on May 21st, 1849. As a girl of 17 she entered public service as a school mistress at the Workhouse in the neighbouring village of Caxton. After three or four years' work at Caxton, where she earned for herself the deepest respect from authority, and the friendship of all with whom she came in contact, Miss Porter was appointed schoolmistress at the Cambridge Workhouse in 1871.

At that time Mr. Luke Hosegood was schoolmaster. In 1875 he married Miss Porter, and in the following year Mr. and Mrs. Hosegood were offered the appointment of Master and Matron of the Workhouse, without the vacancy being advertised, a high testimony of the opinion the Guardians had of them. The posts were accepted, and Mrs. Hosegood immediately set to work on the improvement of the House. She worked long and hard to achieve this end, and succeeded by dint of her persistence and unusual powers of organisation in transforming the House.

Mrs. Hosegood's life was devoted entirely to her work. All day and every day, except when it was physically impossible for her to carry out her duties, Mrs. Hosegood was here, there and everywhere, making her influence felt and maintaining the high standard of efficiency which she had herself set up in her own province.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday [24 April]), and was a most impressive spectacle, crowds of people of all grades of society attending to pay a tribute of respect to one who had held an important office for so long and with such conspicuous credit to herself, and comfort to those under her care. A large gathering had assembled in Mill-road long before the funeral cortege left the Workhouse, and their numbers were increased at St. Barnabas' Church, and increased still further at Mill-road Cemetery, until many hundreds stood round the grave while the last sad rites were performed. All the blinds in the neighbourhood were drawn down, and other marks of grief and respect were abundant.

The service at St. Barnabas' Church, and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Norman (Chaplain at the Workhouse) and the Rev. Canon Hargrove (late

Chaplain). The hymns sung were "Nearer, my God, to Thee" and "On the Resurrection morning."

The family mourners were: Mr. L. Hosegood (husband), Miss G. Hosegood (daughter), Mr. G. R. Hosegood (son), Mrs. Edis (sister), Mrs. Simpson (sister), Mr. C. B. Porter (brother), Mrs. Cunnington (sister), Mr. Wallace Porter (brother), Miss L. Porter (niece), Mr. E. Cunnington (brother-in-law), Miss F. Simpson (niece), and Miss G. Wagstaff.

The Guardians present were: Mr. G. P. Favell (chairman), Mr. P. H. Young (vice-chairman), Mrs. Keynes, Mrs. Rackham, Miss Digby, the Rev. W. Greenwood, Messrs. Frank Piggott (late chairman), A. S. Campkin, W. Saint, T. Coulson, H. J. Gray, D. Gentle, S. Gentle, G. H. Potter, T. Love, H. C. Francis, W. Ridley, W. Fuller, J. F. Amps, G. W. Hattersley, T. A. Mathers, E. Willmott, G. Marfleet, G. Smith, with the Clerk (Mr. J. Congreve), Medical Officer (Dr. Burn), the Relieving Officers (Messrs. C. W. Beaumont and W. Jaggard), the Vaccination Officer (Mr. Rule), the Porter and Porteress (Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swann), and a former porter (Mr. H. Symonds). A number of the inmates were present in the church.

Among others present were: W. M. E. Spring (441), Bro. J. Austin Fabb, P. M. (441), Bro. Gedney (441), representing the Lodge of Freemasons, of which Mr. Hosegood is a member; Mr. W. H. Bowen (Master of Linton Workhouse), Mr. White (Master of St. Neots Workhouse), Mrs. Lundy (Matron of Caxton Workhouse), Messrs. C. Richardson and Bullen (former Cambridge Guardians), Supt. Hargreaves (representing Borough Police), Mr. George Bolton, Mr. Heffer, Mr. Ellis Merry, Mr. John Stubblefield, Miss I. Hill (representing Mr. A. R. Hill), Mr. F. W. Legge, Mr. W. Copplestone, and many others.

Among the many beautiful wreaths and other floral tributes were the following:—From her sorrowing husband—"Until the day dawns"; In ever loving memory of our dear mother, Bert and Grace; In ever loving memory of my dear sister, from Ada Edis; With love and deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Simpson and family—"Peace, perfect peace"; From her sorrowing brother and sister, Wallace and Emily; With deepest sympathy, from the members of the Cambridge Board of Guardians; With the greatest sympathy, from the Clerk to the Guardians District Medical Officer, Vaccination Officer and Relieving Officers; With deepest sympathy, from the staff at the Workhouse; With deepest sympathy, from Dr. and Mrs. Burn; In loving memory, from Master Ronald Burn; With deepest sympathy, from Frank Piggott; With the united sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sidney Campkin and members of their family; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Lundy, Caxton Workhouse; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Gedney; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. H. Bailey, 2, Rock-road; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Sidney French; With very sincere sympathy, from Mrs. and Miss Ellis, Hills-road; With P. T. Claydon's (Beeston) deepest sympathy; In loving remembrance of a dear friend, Mr. and Mrs. Kittridge and family; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowen, Linton Workhouse; With Doris Bowen's loving sympathy; With deep sympathy, Mrs. Routh, Newnham Cottage; With fond remembrance and kind sympathy, from L. and F. Doggett; With all true sympathy, from A. French; With deepest sympathy, from Miss Hornsby; With love and in affectionate re-

membrance of a long friendship, from all at 76, Mill-road; With sincerest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lowe (Salisbury); To dear Matron, from Agnes (an inmate), loving sympathy; With Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wallis's deep sympathy; With sincere sympathy and kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevis and family; In token of respect and with the deepest sympathy, from Mrs. E. Haslop, 4, Silver-street; With deep sympathy, from Mrs. John Unwin and family; From Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Verrinder, kind regards and sympathy; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Allebone; With abiding affection E. T. H. (Newcastle); In loving remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bullen; In fondest remembrance of a dear friend, from Gertie; A token of sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Green; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brookman and family; With sincerest sympathy, Miss Sophie Cook, 2, Emmanuel-road; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kirkup; In loving memory, from Fred and Sophie—"Resting"; "No one knows how much we miss her; only aching hearts can tell; earth has lost her, heaven has gained her, Jesus hath done All things well"; In loving remembrance and with deepest sympathy, Mrs. John Brignell, Lily and Eva; With sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Merry; and from R. H. Morley.

The funeral arrangements were very efficiently carried out by Mr. John Brignell, Newmarket-road.
