

Obituary

MR. GEORGE ROBERT GOSTWYCK YATES.

The late George Robert Gostwyck Yates, who passed away suddenly on the 1st inst. was born in 1884, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Yates, of Thalaba, Dungog. At the age of fourteen years he commenced teaching at Dungog under the pupil teaching system of that period, and under the headmastership of the late Mr. J. B. Filahie. On completion of the probationary period he was transferred to Inverell district where he remained for several years. While resident there he met and married Miss Vera Winter, of Howell, who survives her husband. Later he taught at Forbesdale for eight years in the early twenties, thence to Nana Glen and the last twelve years of his service was as headmaster at Austinmeer. From Austinmeer he was generously farewelled by the citizens on his retirement in February of this year, having completed 50 years service with the Education Department. Mr. Yates gave all his interest to his schools and was a most successful teacher. His expressed ambition was to influence for good the lives of his pupils. His end was very sudden, death occurring within ten minutes, without any warning by previous ill-health. Deceased was a dutiful and good son, a faithful and devoted husband and father, a loyal and active supporter of his church and he was always possessed of a cheerful and generous nature. His remains were cremated at Rookwood Crematorium, the Rev. Burns, of Thirroul conducting the service at Burwood chapel. In addition to relatives mentioned in an earlier report, two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Cumming, of Wingham, and Mrs. R. J. Middleton, of Atarmon, predeceased their brother. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."