

Death of Rev. H. A. C. Rowsell

The Rev. Harold Arthur Campbell Rowsell, Rector of St. Thomas', Mulgoa, died in a private hospital at Darlinghurst on Saturday, at the age of 63 years. He had been in hospital several weeks and underwent an operation.

The passing of this esteemed reverend gentleman will be mourned by many people who knew him, not only in his own parish, but throughout the Nepean and other districts.

Deceased was born at Hunters Hill, and for 11 youthful years was living in Hobart (Tasmania), receiving his education at Hutchins' School.

He later attended St. John's College, Armidale, and was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Cooper, of Armidale and Grafton, in 1906, when he gained his diploma of Licentiate in Theology in the Australian College of Theology.

He was ordained a priest by the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Saumarez Smith, in 1908. For one year he was curate at Port Macquarie, and afterward was engaged in ministerial work in the diocese of Sydney, at St. John's, Balmain, St. James', Sydney, St. Clement's, Mosman, St. John's, Camden, St. Alban's Lindfield, St. Luke's, Berry, and at Blackheath and Harris Park, coming to Mulgoa in 1937. There he and Mrs Rowsell won the high regard of many residents in their work in the parish.

Three sisters survive, Misses Isabel, Edith, and Dorothy Rowsell, of North Sydney.

The funeral took place on Monday morning, when a service was held in St. James', Sydney, a number of clergymen and friends of deceased being present. It was conducted by Rev. R. S. Chapple, Rector of St. Stephen's, Penrith, assisted by the Rector of St. James', Rev. E. J. Davidson. Bishop Flicher read the lesson, and Ven. Archdeacon Begbie attended as Archdeacon of this district.

The cortege proceeded to the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, where Rev. R. S. Chapple, assisted by Rev. E. J. Davidson, conducted the service.