

*Right:*  
Departure of  
Revd Robert H Egar M.A.  
Curate of St Mark's Dundela  
1917-29

*Below:*  
Death of Mr F L Heyn J.P.  
2 February 1928

### LATE MR. F. L. HEYN, J.P.

#### Sympathetic Reference by Rev. Canon Hayes.

Preaching in St. Mark's Church, Dundela, last night, Rev. Canon E. C. Hayes, M.A., rector, paid a touching tribute to the late Mr. F. L. Heyn, J.P., who, he said, had been chief among the friends of the parish. He was nine times churchwarden, and for many years he was a parochial nominator and their representative in the Diocesan Synod. He sang in St. Mark's on the previous Sunday, as he had sung in the choir of the old church at Gelston's corner fifty years ago. "One of our founders and a maker of our traditions, his life and example," said the preacher, "lives and spreads in all our lives. He was an orator of no mean order, a diplomatist, and a man of affairs with a statesman's touch. For fifty years he gave his services ungrudgingly, helping the Church of God with far-sightedness, and large-heartedness." In conclusion, Canon Hayes said their sympathy went out to the bereaved family, and their praise and thanks ascended to heaven.

Sympathetic reference was also made by Rev. R. H. Egar M.A., who preached at the morning service. The Dead March in "Saul" was played by Mr. F. J. Powell at both services, and the bell was tolled in the morning.

### ST. MARK'S PARISH. 1929

#### Striking Tributes Paid to Rev. R. H. Egar.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTOR CAR.

Strandtown Schoolhouse was filled to its utmost capacity last night, when a presentation of a motor car was made to the Rev. R. H. Egar, senior curate of St. Mark's Parish Church, who is leaving after 11 years' service to take up the duties of curate-in-charge of Bryansford Parish, Co. Down.

Mr. W. F. Minnis, J.P., who presided, said that while they were genuinely sorry to lose the splendid influence of Mr. Egar's presence and work, they must remember that their loss was Bryansford's gain, and that in him they would have a minister who would not only "point to better worlds, but would lead the way."

When Mr. Egar came to them about 11 years ago, he immediately made his way into the hearts and affections of them all, and the intervening years have only served to increase their admiration of his earnest labours, his example, and his personal charm. If any proof were needed of his popularity and worth, it would be at once found in the spontaneous response when it was suggested he should be made the recipient of some token of their affection and goodwill. He spoke from long experience, and he could not recollect any similar project which was taken up with more enthusiasm or where there appeared to be a more genuine desire to do honour where honour was more than due.

They wished Mr. Egar God-speed in the future, assuring him that he would always have a warm spot in their recollections, and hoping that further preferment and advancement awaited him in the Church.

The rector, Canon E. C. Hayes, said for dependability, punctuality, and sympathy with his colleagues Mr. Egar was in a class by himself. If they had in any degree helped Bryansford they gloried in the sacrifice and in the extension of the great family of God. The Archdeacon of Down (Ven. A. W. Barton) said that when one had spent the best part of a decade in harness with a man who had proved himself the best of friends it was hard to say anything about him without putting them all "in the dumps." There were many people who believed the best work in the Church of Ireland was done in the country parishes and he felt that the future of Christianity in Ireland was as much in the hands of those in the "Bryansfords" of the world as in the cities.

Mr. James Thompson said that Mr. Egar had gained the love and respect of every person in the parish.

Master Meglaughlin said they would like Mr. Egar to understand how much they had appreciated his life and work among them; he had been recognised to be a good man in the very best sense of the term.

Mr. R. F. Davis paid a tribute to Mr. Egar as a sportsman, and Mr. H. V. Coates read the address to Mr. Egar. They wished to place on record, he said, their esteem for his character and their regret at his departure. Not only had he given them instruction from the pulpit but he had also kept before them the example of his life. They trusted that the car they were presenting to him would be a help in his new sphere, and they hoped he would find happiness in the future.

Miss Coates handed the address to Mr. Egar, who then replied. He would treasure, he said, to the end of his life the time he had spent among the people of that parish. The welcome he had received in every home had been a great help to him. All he could say was "Thank you a thousand times," and he hoped God would bless and prosper them. He was full of gratitude and thankfulness, but he was also full of pride at all the things that had been said of him.