

WESTERN GAZETTE, FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1938

THE LATE MR. HUGH NEVILLE
MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MILBORNE PORT
VICAR'S TRIBUTE TO "A COUNTRY GENTLEMAN"

Tribute to the life and character of the late Mr. Hugh Neville, whose death was reported last week, was paid by the Vicar (Rev. A. N. S. Holbrook) at a largely attended memorial service at Milborne Port Parish Church on Friday.

The Vicar, who officiated at the service, was assisted by the Rural Dean (Preb. Alan B. Portman) and Canon Charles Bower, who read the lesson. Mr. H. Sinclair Burrows was at the organ and the lull choir led the singing of the hymns, "The King of Love" and "Our Blest Redeemer," also the chanting of Psalm 15 and the Nunc Dimittis.

In his address the Vicar said they were met that day to pay a last tribute of affection and respect to one who for 50 years played no small part in the life and activity of that county, church, and parish. In his time he saw many, many changes, and the inception of many things. In the early years of the Parish Council he served on that body and later in the capacity of chairman. He was also a member of the school board of managers in that transitional period of elementary education at the beginning of this century, and as correspondent he wrote some very useful notes on the history of the schools in the parish, which became increasingly interesting as the years went by. Until comparatively recently he was a member of the Council School Board of Managers.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.

In church life for some years he was vicar's warden, and with the formation of Church Councils as local bodies he found further opportunity for service. In the church on the Council in the capacity of chairman, and rendered ready and valuable service always contributing his intimate and wide experience to the benefit of the church he loved so well. A familiar and much beloved figure in the services of the church as well as outside, one of his greatest joys was the reading of God's word from the Bible. His joy in reading was a joy shared by those who were privileged to hear passages of scripture so beautifully interpreted by a strong and loving voice, in spite of his 80 years and more.

"We are the poorer by his passing in many ways," continued the Vicar, but we shall always think of him as the country gentleman and one who never failed to bring a beautifully old-world courtesy and charm of manner into his public and private utterances, which his years and infirmity did not dim.

THE MOURNERS.

The members of the family present were: - Captain Philip Neville, R N., and Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Neville (nephews), Mrs. A. G. Neville, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Neville (brother-in-law and sister-in-law) and Commander John A. Legge (cousin).

Others present at the service were Lord Baylford (also representing Arthurs Club), Sir Anthony St. John Mildmay (also representing Isabel Lady St. John Mildmay), Mr. Pawlett St. John Mildmay, Lady Lilian Digby, Captain the Hon. Gerald Digby, Captain and Mrs. R. Livingstone Learmonth, Colonel E. G. Hardy, Colonel Cunninghame, Mr. A. L. Hobhouse. Captain and Mrs. M. J. Livingstone Learmonth, Major and Mrs. Stuart Black, the Hon. Rachel de Montmorency Captain Robert Livingstone Learmonth Mr. and Mrs. Savile Petch, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly. Mr. C. H. Babington, Captain Jervise Babington. Captain and the Hon. Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Wilfred Brymer, Miss Shingleton, Mrs. Alan Portman, Mrs. A. N. S. Holbrook, Mr. E. W. Bartlett, The Misses Ker, Mr. J. R. Watson (also representing Mr. H. R. Watson), Mrs. H. R. Watson, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Peacocke, Mrs. Bramwell, Miss Colvin, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. John Clarke, Junr., Mrs. Firth, Mr. Peter Sherston. Mr. A. W. Turnbull, Miss

Holmes A'Court, Miss Dyke, Mr. J. Whittingdne (also representing Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rose). Mrs. Bernard Southcombe, Mr. H. G. Southcombe, Mr. F. J. Farquharson, M. Le Bere, Miss Digby, Mr. A. P. Sandford-Wills, Colonel C. P. J. Layard, Mrs. L. M. Bassett (representing Rev. M. L. Winterton, Trull), Mr. Denys de Las Casas

Messrs. W. J. Cane and A. E. Hiscott (churchwardens), Mr. E. Hallett, Mrs. F. Bull, Mrs. H. Day, Mrs. Geo. Burgess, Mr. W. Draper, Miss Reed. Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Abbott. Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Giles, Mrs. W. Cane, Mrs. A. Gosney, Miss A. Day, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Guppy, Mrs. Samways, Mr. Tom, Dyke. Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Summers, Mr. E. Scammell, Mr. H. J. Anstey, Mm. E. Mitchell. Mr. H G. Clarke, Mrs. H. Hiscox, Mr. R. Grout, Mr. A. Winter, Mr. S. Parks, Mr. E. Penny (secretary. representing the British Legion), Nurse Lamb. Mrs. Dover, Mrs. March. Miss Dyke, Messrs. V. Jackson. John Newport, J. Buck (secretary, representing the Constitutional Club), Mrs. G. King. Mrs. Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Froude (staff at The Cottage). Roger Froude. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradley, Messrs. T. Gillett and T. Dungey.

Following the service the ringers rang; the bells half-muffled.