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**Herbert Edward Ryle**

In the present text I’m going to tell about the figure of the Dean of Westminster Abbey.

Particularly I’m going to expose the figure of Herbert Edward Ryle, the Dean of Westminster during the First World War.

He was born in London, a son of John Charles Ryle and his second wife Jessie Walker.

Ryle was educated at King's College and Cambridge. After that he became a teacher.

He married Nea Adams and they had three sons, two of which died young.

Herbert was President of Queen's college, Cambridge and published several books.

He convey the idea of the burial of the Unknown Soldier after the Great War.

Herbert Edward Ryle died on 20 August in 1925.

Furthermore to connotate his connection to the ritual of the Unknown Soldier the Ryle’s tomb is placed in the centre of the nave of Westminster Abbey, near the grave of the Unknown Warrior.

On his grave there is an inscription:

*“ Not by might nor by power but by my spirit. Herbert Edward Ryle K.C.V.O., D.D. Dean of Westminster 1911-1925. Born 25 May 1856. Died 20 August 1925. Bishop of Exeter 1901-1903, Bishop of Winchester 1903-1911. Thou wilt shew me the path of life. In thy presence is fulness of joy".*