

Death of Sir Hubert Miller.

GREAT LOSS TO THE VILLAGE OF FROYLE.

The sudden death of Captain Sir Charles John Hubert Miller, eighth baronet, at Shrubbery House, Froyle, on Friday morning, means a great loss to the village of Froyle. Sir Hubert, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on September 12th, succeeded his father, the late Sir Charles Hayes Miller, to the baronetcy 72 years ago. He was educated at Eton, and later entered the army through the militia, serving in the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, from which he retired in 1892 with the rank of Captain. Sir Hubert was unmarried, and the next heir to the baronetcy is a cousin, Mr. Henry Homes Miller, who resides in New Zealand.

Sir Hubert had travelled widely, and was accustomed to spend the winter months in Italy. From his travels he brought back many of the beautiful pictures and statues which adorn the churches of St. Mary and St. Joseph in Froyle. Many of the houses and cottages which he owned in Froyle are decorated with the figures of saints, a feature often noticed by visitors to the village, and one for which Sir Hubert was responsible.

A DEVOTED CHURCHMAN.

He had many interests, but undoubtedly his Church came first in his life. He was a devout Anglo-Catholic, and a life-long friend of the late Lord Halifax (father of the present Foreign Secretary), who was president of the Church Union. At the last Anglo-Catholic Congress at the White City, Sir Hubert was one of the eight Canopy Bearers. As already mentioned the churches of Froyle owe much to his generosity and love of beautiful things. In fact, it was through his initiative and generosity that the Church of St. Joseph in Lower Froyle was built. He also took a personal interest in the welfare of his tenants and especially the younger people. At Christmas time he used to entertain the boys of the Catechism, and each year he also entertained members of the Servers' Guild who attended the Patronal Festival at Froyle. He was also closely connected with the Church of All Saints at Alton, and senior trustee of the Guild of All Souls. As a lay reader in the diocese of Winchester he used to preach in churches of the diocese, and always when he was resident at Froyle he read the lessons at St. Mary's. He performed this duty for the last time the Sunday before he died.

He was Chairman of the Froyle Parish Council, and the Froyle Men's branch of the East Hants Conservative Association.

Sir Hubert was made a Magistrate in 1918 and did not retire from the Bench until a year ago. He was interested in education, and is remembered with gratitude by the elementary schools of Froyle and Holybourne. He was also a governor of Eggar's Grammar School. As a younger man Sir Hubert took an active part in amateur dramatics, retaining his interest all through his life. He was President of the Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society and is held in affectionate esteem by its members. All his life he was a great lover of gardens, and the beautiful grounds of Shrubbery House which twice a year he threw open to the public testify to his interest in horticulture.

The Burial Office and Solemn Requiem mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning in the Church of St. Mary's, Froyle, following Vespers which had been held the previous evening at 5.30. The celebrant was the Rev. C. H. Sangster (Vicar of Froyle), who was assisted by the Rev. W. E. Woodward, as deacon, and the Rev. M. G. Powell (of All Saints', Alton), as sub-deacon. The Burial Office was read by the Rev. J. R. S. Stranack (Vicar of All Saints', Alton, and Rural Dean, who was representing the Bishop of Winchester). The soloist in the service was Mr. Herbert Hall-Graham, the organist of Froyle Church, and Mr. Howard, a former organist of Froyle, now organist at All Saints' Church, Alton, was at the organ. The interment which followed the Solemn Requiem was in the family vault, where Sir Hubert's father, the late Sir Charles Hayes Miller, had been laid to rest 72 years previously.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL.

The very large attendance at the funeral service testified to the affection in which Sir Hubert was held both by the residents of Froyle and by a much wider circle of relatives and friends.

The family mourners present were Major and Mrs. Loyd (nephew and niece), the Hon. Geoffrey Parsons (nephew, also representing Sir John E. Gladstone, brother-in-law) and Mrs. Parsons (niece), Lady Hollenden (also representing Lord Hollenden, who was unable to attend), Major and Mrs. Jervoise

Miller (cousins), Colonel George Ralph Miller (cousin), and Lady Young (cousin).

Among the many others present in the church were Rear-Admiral E. P. E. Jervoise, the Dowager Viscountess Harcourt, the Hon. Mrs. Milo Talbot, Colonel the Right Hon. W. G. Nicholson, Lady Smiley, Major and Mrs. Wykeham Fiennes, the Rev. C. P. Shaw (president of the Guild of All Souls, of which Sir Hubert Miller was senior trustee), Rev. Cecil Russell, Father John and Father Aidan (Alton Abbey), Canon H. Le Fleming (Rector of Bentley), Rev. Lawrence Childs (representing the Church Union), Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Brooke Greville, Mr. and Mrs. Jervoise, Rev. A. C. Lawson, Rev. J. C. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bentinck, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Peddle, Miss Peddle, Mrs. H. R. Dalrymple, Mr. Frank Joy, Mrs. Douglas Joy, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Gadban, Mr. E. M. Redfern (agent for the estate), Mr. Mortimer Pechell.

Mr. W. H. Curtis (churchwarden of St. Lawrence's Church, Alton), Mr. S. A. Warner (churchwarden of All Saints', Alton), Mrs. and Miss Westbrook, Mrs. B. Laurence, the Misses White, Sergt. R. Ezzard, R.A.S.C., Mr. James Suttie, Miss Pelton, Miss Walker, Mrs. Sumner, Mr. W. Brownjohn, Mrs. Sangster, Mr. and Mrs. R. Adams, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Crowhurst, Mr. L. Gillen, Mr. C. White, Mr. J. Castle, Mrs. Festing, Mrs. T. Knight, Mr. W. P. Butler, Mr. Bruce Gosling, Mrs. Craven, Mr. F. Rawson, Mr. C. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. A. Worsfold, Mr. D. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cherrill, Mrs. R. Hadwick, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Acox, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Andrew, Mr. B. Cherrill, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. W. Andrew, Mrs. Lythgoe, Mrs. Linzee (also representing Mr. Linzee, who was not well enough to attend), Mrs. Ogilvy, Miss Lushington, Mrs. Woodward, Mr. J. Messenger, Miss Crofts, Mrs. Gillen, Mrs. Christopher Hussey, Mr. A. Childs, Miss Wood, Mrs. Macleod, Miss R. Morris, Mrs. Stranack, Miss Rafe, Mrs. Rafe, Mrs. R. Goodyear, Mr. Hathaway Tucker, Mrs. Trotman, Miss Horton, Mr. T. W. Kemp, Mrs. E. D. Rix, Mrs. L. Rix, Mrs. V. Rix, Mr. A. P. Pocock, Mrs. Walter J. Palmer, the children of the Froyle village school, with Mr. T. Knight, and Mr. and Mrs. Simons, Mr. C. Baker, Mr. Guiseppe Vesprini, Mr. and Mrs. Glaspool, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. W. Chandler, and Mr. Thomas Wiggins (the staff at The Shrubbery).

MANY FLOWERS.

The many beautiful floral tributes were from the following: Geoffrey and Betty; Jervie and Kathleen (Major and Mrs. Jervoise); Pamela and Anthony; John and Archie; May Harcourt (Dowager Viscountess Harcourt); "A farewell to my very dear friend with gratitude for his precious friendship through many years"; Mina (Lady Hollenden); Geoffrey (Lord Hollenden); Ernest; O. and Roberto; George; Jack (Sir John Gladstone); Vera; Sir Hugh and Lady Smiley; Mrs. Douglas G. Joy; Horace and Alice Pechell; Mrs. Milo G. Talbot and Miss Rose Talbot; Wilfred and family; R. Hardwick and C. Cherrill; Rev. Archibald C. MacLachlan and Miss MacLachlan; Mrs. G. H. Westbrook and daughters; Mrs. Sumner; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chubb.

Mr. and Mrs. Jervoise; Mr. W. L. Brownjohn and family; Samry; Guiseppe; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Brooke Greville; Charlotte Bonham Carter; Lucy Ogilvy; Miss Lushington; Mrs. Messenger and Jack; Mr. and Mrs. Gadban, Mr. J. A. Pryor (Alton); Colonel G. B. Lempriere; Mr. Henry Dutton and Mr. Ralph Dutton; Mr. and Mrs. Butler; F. and C. Simmonds; Rev. O. W. and Mrs. Wilde and Colonel F. Hamilton Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew; Mr. and Mrs. Castle; Mr. Ian Redfern; L. and H. Robson; Mr. and Mrs. F. Rawson; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Linzee; Mr. and Mrs. Peddle and family; Mrs. H. V. Hawkins; Mr. and Mrs. Shilling and family; the Misses Ainsworth.

Governors and Managers of Holybourne School; Froyle Parish Council; Staff and Children of the village School; St. Richard's Chapter of the Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary, Alton; the Parish of All Saints', Alton, "in grateful remembrance of a kind friend and server"; the Committee and Members of the East Hants Conservative Association, Men's Branch, Froyle; the Warden and the Council of the House of Charity, W.1; Old Eggar's Association; North-East Hants Agricultural Association; Members of the Constitutional Club, Alton; Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society; the Directors of D. J. Kemp and Sons; the Outdoor Staff, the Manor House, Froyle; Organist, Choirmen and Servers of the Parish Church; the Indoor and Outdoor Staff, The Shrubbery House; and a cross made from flowers "from Sir Hubert's own garden."