

THE REV. A. W. DARWIN, M.A.

In writing a short obituary of the Rev. A. W. Darwin we cannot do better than quote from a notice which appeared in the "East Anglian Daily Times" on the day of the funeral which took place at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk.

"No parish priest, perhaps, was ever laid to rest amid more sincere sorrow on the part of his parishioners than was shown at the obsequies of the late rector of Stonham Aspal. During his rectorship of seventeen years, the Rev. A. W. Darwin devoted heart and soul to the spiritual and social well-being of his flock, entering with enthusiasm and rendering assistance in the furtherance of all projects which tended to promote the happiness of rural life. He was a broad-minded clergyman, and distributed with a generous hand to the needs of Churchman and Nonconformist alike.

The late Rector, who was a nephew of Professor Charles Darwin, was educated at University College, Durham, where he received his M.A. degree in 1896. He was ordained by the Bishop of Ripon in 1893, being appointed to the curacy of Richmond (Yorks), where he remained for two years, then going to the curacy of Allesby (Warwick) until 1899 when he was appointed to the Rectory of Ampton, Bury St. Edmunds. In 1902 the living of Stonham Aspal was conferred upon him by his cousin, Lady de Saumarez."

On May 7th, 1913, the Rev. A. W. Darwin was elected Hon. Secretary of the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History, in which capacity he acted with great efficiency until September 20th, 1917, when Miss Layard succeeded to the post.

THE REV. CANON MAURICE BYLES COWELL.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the decease of the Rev. Canon Maurice Byles Cowell during the past year. Canon Cowell had been for fifty seven years incumbent of the parish of Ashbocking, near Ipswich.

He was the youngest of the three sons of Mr. Charles Cowell, merchant, of Ipswich, by his wife, Marianne, eldest daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Byles, of the Hill House, Ipswich. He was a brother of Prof. Edward Byles Cowell, the famous oriental scholar, and close personal friend of Fitzgerald.

In the days when the Ipswich Grammar School was "a substantial building in the Shire Hall yard," Maurice Byles was one of the scholars, and was afterwards at Wadham College, Oxford. He was ordained in 1858-9 in the Lichfield Diocese, and was curate of Coseley, Staffordshire, for about three years. After being presented to the living of Ashbocking, Canon Cowell acted as tutor to young men proceeding to the public schools. Sir Edmund Allenby was one of his most promising pupils, whose character he seems to have gauged with great accuracy.

Canon Cowell's relations with his parishioners was of the happiest possible kind. He was an earnest evangelical, full of zeal both in his church work and parochial duties. Three restorations of the church were carried out during his incumbency, to which he subscribed generously. Canon Cowell was a good linguist, and travelled extensively. His loss both to his parishioners and to the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History, of which he was a member, will not soon be replaced.

MAJOR-GENERAL N. W. BARNARDISTON, C.B.

(Extract from the "East Anglian Daily Times.")

The death occurred at Felixstowe on Monday, Aug. 18th, of Major-General Nathaniel Walter Barnardiston, eldest son of the late Col. Nathaniel Barnardiston, who for many years held a foremost position in the Harwich Volunteer Brigade, and acted as Chairman of the West Suffolk County Council.

The Barnardiston family, as East Anglians are well aware, has given numerous scions to the military forces of the Crown. The gentleman whose death is now reported had an especially active career. He was educated privately and at Merton College, Oxford, and in 1878 passed from the probationary period in the West Suffolk Militia to a second lieutenancy in the 77th Regiment. He rose by successive stages to a high command in the Middlesex Regiment. He passed the Staff College in 1888, and from 1889 to 1892 was Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda. From 1894 to 1897 he was Deputy-Assistant, Adjutant-General in the Eastern district, becoming Staff-Captain (Intelligence Division at Headquarters in 1898. Then he passed to a semi-diplomatic phase of his career. From 1902 to 1906 he was military attache at Brussels and the Hague, in succeeding years holding similar appointments at Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania. It was during this period that matters of notable importance were transacted at Brussels. After the conquest of the Belgian capital in 1914, the Germans alleged that certain documents they discovered in the archives tended to show that something akin to negotiations had taken place violating Belgian neutrality. Col. Barnardiston's name was associated with these so-called discoveries, which proved to be more hypothetical than real.

After his return from the Low Countries Col. Barnardiston became second in command of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. He served in South Africa in 1901-1902, and gained the King's medal with four clasps.

In 1914, when war broke out, General Barnardiston was in command of the British troops in China, and it fell to his lot to participate in the operations which, in conjunction with the Japanese forces, resulted in the capture of Tsing-tau. He afterwards proceeded to Tokio. He attended the fetes held in commemoration of the conquest, and was received by the Emperor of Japan. In recognition of his services he received the honour of C.B. from the King and the first class of the Order of Aviz from the Japanese. He held numerous other decorations, including the Orders of the Osmanieh, Dannebrog, Sword, Léopold, and St. Olaf, as well as the British Order M.V.O.

General Barnardiston was a life member of the Institute, having been elected on July 19th, 1917.

MR. H. LORD.

(Extract from the "Bury and Norwich Post.")

The village of Kentford is a very great deal the poorer through the loss by death on May 9th of Mr. H. Lord. Deceased had held various offices in the village, being Chairman of the Parish Meeting since its inception until a year or two ago, Poor Law Guardian, churchwarden, and for many years treasurer for the local Shepherds' Lodge. Being a man of keen observation, and with a fair amount of leisure, he was always quick to notice any needed repairs to public property and to see improvements made. Especially was this the case with regard to the church and schools, in both of which he took a very great interest. It is only a short time ago we recorded the gift of a beautiful stained glass window in the church in memory of his deceased son. Mr. Lord had spent the greater part of his life here, his late father having purchased the Lodge about 50 years ago. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and three sons, his eldest son having been killed in France.

COLONEL DEWING.

(Extract from "Bury and Norwich Post.")

The death occurred on Sunday of Colonel Edward John Dewing, who has lived in the village of Rougham for many years, and took great interest in local affairs. He was a churchwarden, and Chairman of the School Com-