

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.