

SUDDEN DEATH OF ADMIRAL SIR WINDHAM HORNBY, K.C.B.

While presiding over the annual meeting of the Hotchkiss Ordnance Company, which was held on Wednesday, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, Admiral St. William Windham HORNBY was suddenly taken ill, and died within ten minutes. He had made a speech of about a quarter of an hour's duration in moving the adoption of the report, and, after replying to some criticisms of the accounts by Colonel HEMANS, he resumed his seat with the remark "I am not very well, and I will say no more." Almost immediately he was observed to lean back in his chair in a helpless condition, and to gasp for breath. Mr. C.F. PARSONS, the managing-director, and other members of the board rendered what help they could, and, after a few moments, the chairman was conveyed in an unconscious state into an adjoining room. Meanwhile several messengers were despatched to obtain medical assistance. Dr. CROSLY and Dr. HOOLE were soon in attendance, but not before the Admiral has passed away. Admiral HORNBY had taken a great interest in the company and had greatly benefited it by his exertions. After a long period of misfortune a re-construction was effected, and large profits were earned last year, which was sufficient to admit of dividends being paid on both classes of shares.

The family of HORNBY has furnished not a few officers of distinction to the Navy, as well as men who have attained eminence in other callings. Thus, Sir Windham HORNBY was the nephew of the late Sir Phipps HORNBY, Admiral of the United Kingdom, and cousin of the late Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Geoffrey Phipps HORNBY, and of the Provost of Eton. Sir Windham was the son of the Rev. Geoffrey HORNBY, rector of Bury, by Georgina, daughter of the fifth Viscount TORRINGTON, and was born in 1812. Educated at the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth, he entered the Navy in 1825, and obtained his lieutenant's commission in 1833. He was promoted to commander in 1841, and to captain in 1849. In 1864 he retired from active service, and obtained the successive steps in rank on the retired list of rear-admiral in 1865, vice-admiral in 1871, and admiral in 1877. He was midshipman of the Revenge; and was present at Jamaica during the insurrection of 1832. From 1877 to 1892 he was Commissioner of Prisons, and for his services in that capacity he received the K.C.B. (Civil Division) on the Queen's birthday in 1892. Sir Windham HORNBY was on the Commission of the Peace for Lancashire and Middlesex. He was twice married – first, in 1849, to Augusta, daughter of the late Sir William Pratt CALL, and widow of Captain the late C.D. PATERSON, of the 98th Regiment (she died in 1893); and secondly in 1897, to Catherine, daughter of Mr. Charles TOTTENHAM, of Ballycurry, Co. Wicklow, and widow of Captain H.M. HOWARD, of the 18th Hussars.

Admiral HORNBY came to reside at Ryde about six or seven years ago, at Southlands, formerly the residence of Mr BARROW.

We are requested to state that the funeral of the late Admiral Sir Windham HORNBY, K.C.B., will take place this (Saturday) afternoon. The funeral will start from the pier on the arrival of the 2.28 train from London, and will proceed direct to the Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL HORNBY. - The funeral of **Admiral Sir Windham HORNBY, K.C.B.**, took place at Ryde on Saturday afternoon. The coffin of polished oak arrived by boat about ten o'clock and was conveyed direct to the Cemetery, where the last solemn rites were carried out by the Rev. W.M. CAMERON (Vicar of Holy Trinity) and the Rev. J. SHEARME (Vicar of Ryde). A number of private carriages, including the deceased's joined in the cortege. Among the mourners were Admiral Sir W. STEPHENSON, Major Kepple STEPHENSON, Mr George WYLIE, Mr George STAPLETON, Judge Loftus TOTTENHAM, Colonel TOTTENHAM, Mr Leyrestor PENRHYN, Dr. HORNBY (Eton), Mr C. de LACY, Captain HORNBY, Canon Cowley BROWNE, Mrs LYSTER, Admiral and Mrs EGERTON, Mr Hayward THOMPSON, Mr J.H. OGLANDER, and the servants at Southlands. Amongst those who also showed respect and sympathy by attending at the Cemetery were Mr B. BARROW J.P., Mr and Mrs J.N. HATHWAY, Mr R. BRIGSTOCKE, Mrs SHEARME, Lieut. TIPPING R.N, and Mrs TIPPING, Rev. W.H.E. WELBY, Sir Samuel and Lady BROWNE, Mrs BRETT, Commander Douglas FORSYTH, R.N, Colonel CAREY, Capt. JELLICOE, Mr Percy THELUSSON, Capt. BYNG, R.N., Colonel and Mrs

FETHERSTONHAUGH, Major GORDON, Mr PARSONS, Mr Carr GLYNN, Mr GUDGEON, Mr HOBGEN, and many others. Mr E CARTER, J.P., was prevented attending by an important engagement. The coffin which was of polished oak, with heavy brass mountings, bore the inscription "Admiral Sir William Windham HORNBY, born 23rd July, 1812, died 28th June, 1899."

Wreaths were sent by the following : Lady HORNBY, Mrs F. PRATT, Barlow and Baba, Mrs BOGER, Mrs and Miss BRETT, Miss C. BRIGSTOCKE, Sir Samuel and Lady BROWNE, Lady Margaret CAMPBELL, Mrs Archibald CARTER, Mr and Mrs E CARTER, Miss Faith CHAPMAN, Colonel and Mrs CRADOCK, Miss CRAMER, Lady DALY, Mrs and Miss DAVIES, Lady and Miss DEBISON, Viscount DEERHURST, Mr DOREY, Admiral Sir E. and Lady FANSHAWE, Mr and Mrs Evelyn FANSHAWE, Colonel and Mrs FETHERSTONHAUGH, Lady FORBES, Captain and Mrs FORSYTH, Miss Mary FORSYTH, Mrs GAUSSEN, Miss GEACH, Sir W. and Lady Hunt CRUBBE, Mr. John HARGREAVES, Mr and Mrs HATHWAY, Mrs HEWITT, Mr HORNBY, Directors of the HOTCHKISS, Co., Miss LIVINGSTONE, Mrs LYSTER, Mr and Mrs Gerald MAUDE Mr and Mrs MAYBRICK, the Misses MAXWELL, Lady EDWARDS-MOSS, Mr and Mrs OGLANDER, Mr George PAWLE, Mr and Mrs S.R. PLATTR, Mr and Mrs T. PERROTT, Mr and Mr SANDEMAN, the servants at "Southlands," Mr Frederick SEYMOUR, Mr Sloane STANLEY, Sir Francis, Lady and Miss STAPLETON, Mrs George STAPLETON and Miss Alice SOMERSET, Mrs Talbot STAPLETON, Miss Evelyn STAPLETON, Mr and Mrs Sefton STRICKLAND, Directors of the new SHARLESTONE Colliery Co., Mr and Mrs TELLUSSON, Mrs. GARTSIDE-TIPPING, Miss F. TOTTENHAM, Miss L TOTTENHAM, Mrs Galfrid de TRAFFORD, Miss TRELAWNY, Mrs VIBERT, Rev. W.E. and Mrs WELBNY, Mrs T. WINTHROP, and Mr George WYLIE.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by a London firm assisted by Mr. C. LANGDON, of Ryde.

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