

THE London *Freemason* says: We have to record the demise of an old member of the Craft, Bro. Robert Brown, who passed away at the house of his son-in-law, Fakenham, Norfolk. Bro. Brown was a native of the City of Carlisle, we believe, and for above twenty years was superintendent of police at Cockermouth, from which public office he retired on a pension in the year 1861. Bro. Brown spent a few years of his early life in France, and while there was initiated into Masonry. He was one of the original seven that founded Skiddaw Lodge, Cockermouth, 1002, in the spring of 1864, and he was a subscribing member till the date of his death. Bro. Brown was more than once offered a Warden's chair in Skiddaw Lodge, but his modesty, and strictly undemonstrative disposition, always led him to decline anything higher than I. G., which office he was the first to hold in connection with the lodge just referred to. Bro. Brown died on the 2nd inst., after a short but severe illness, at the ripe age of 77.

THE *Freemason* also chronicles the death of Bro. Captain A. C. Mott, who died at Liverpool recently. He was a P. M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241; a Past Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, (filling the post of W. M. when Lord Skelmersdale, the first W. M., was unavoidably absent); P. Z. of the Merchants' Chapter; P. P. G. Sec. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire; honorary member and P. M. of numerous Craft lodges; P. P. G. S. B. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire; and at the time of his death he held the distinguished position of P. G. S. W. of P. G. L. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, where he was highly valued and esteemed as in the province with which his name was more particularly associated. He also occupied the part of Grand S. B. in the National Great Priory of the order of Knight Templars. It is a literal fact that scarcely any member of the Masonic body in this part of the country was equal to Bro. Captain Mott in a knowledge of the whole Masonic ritual, not only in connection with Craft Masonry, but also in other Orders, such as Knights Templar, R. A., Mark Masonry, &c., and it is perhaps not generally known that he was amongst the first Red Cross Knights in Liverpool. At consecrations and installations it has long been considered an honor, as it was a pleasure, to have him in the presiding officer's chair, and his loss in this particular section of Masonic work will not easily be made up.

BRO. SPARROW, a young man in the employ of the Great Western Railway Co., at Clifton, died very suddenly on Friday night of last week. He had been ailing for a day or two, but that evening said he felt better. His room-mate coming in a little before 12 o'clock on the night above mentioned found him quite dead. The decision of the physicians is that he died of apoplexy. The body was buried on Sunday afternoon. Bro. Sparrow was a member of the Volunteers and a Freemason, and those bodies attended his funeral in force. The procession was under the direction of Capt. Tattersall, of the 44th Battalion, and the firing party was under command of Lieut. Brennan. There was the usual Episcopal service at the church at the conclusion of which the procession, headed by the 44th Battalion Band, escorted the body to the Drummondville Cemetery, where the last rites were performed by the Masons. Bro. Sparrow has no relatives here, but was to have been married to an estimable young lady in Clifton next month.—*Masonic Tidings*.

THERE expired on the 22nd May one of the oldest Masons in Canada, Chas. Clark, of Thorold, who was made a Mason 67 years ago in Ireland. At the opening of Mountain Lodge, Thorold, some five years ago, he wore the same Masonic clothing he had 62 years before. He resided for many years in Grantham, below the mountain, and some years ago he went to his son's, in Pennsylvania, whence he was removed on a mattress two weeks ago to his son-in-law, Geo. McArthur, in Thorold, to die and be buried beside his wife. He had reached the patriarchal age of 87 years.

DEATH OF AN OLD FREEMASON.—Alderman George Potts, the oldest alderman of South Shields Corporation, and oldest inhabitant, died recently at his residence, King Street, South Shields, aged 94. Bro. Potts was a notary-public by profession, and in early life was associated with the public affairs of South Shields. He was one of the oldest Freemasons, was a lieutenant in the original South Shields Volunteers, and secretary to the Marine College, South Shields.

DEATH OF THE TYLER OF ST. MUNGO'S LODGE, GLASGOW.—We have to record the death of Bro. Thomas Cameron, which took place at his residence, East Campbell Street, on the 10th of last month, aged 77 years. Bro. Cameron acted as Tyler to Lodge St. Mungo for upwards of 25 years, and was very much respected by the brethren on account of his upright and honorable character. For many years past our late brother was partially incapacitated from active duty, but was always present at the meetings. He enjoyed a pension for some time from the Lodge in consideration of his early services.—*Masonic News*.