

all will be well with them. If Freemasonry everywhere would confine itself to its proper and happy mission, its eventual triumph is assured, despite the ravings of the intolerant, and the persecutions of the irreligious.—*London Freeman*.

MANY brethren will regret to learn of the death of Bro. W. Brooks Gates. His long connection with the Pomfret Lodge, 360, Northampton and the Chapter, and his provincial duties made his name familiar to all the province. He was Provincial Treasurer for many years. The *Northampton Mercury* says:—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of this well-known and respected inhabitant took place at St. Giles's Church, the Rev. Canon Robson and the Rev. J. T. Drake officiating. Mr. Gates was registrar of the Bedford district of the Court of Probate, to which he was appointed in 1857, on the death of his father, who had previously held the office for many years. He was for a considerable period a member of the Town Council, of which he was made an alderman. As chairman of the Sanitary Committee he was known for his punctuality and business capacity, and rendered great assistance in schemes brought forward by the exercise of good judgment upon matters in which he took great interest. His name was always found amongst the most charitable of the supporters of the clerical and legal institutions."

THE death of Sir Knight P. H. Jeffries is announced at Newport Kentucky. Sir Knight Jeffries had been a Grand Chaplain of most of the Masonic bodies, at one time and another, during his somewhat extended life. At the time of his death he was the Grand Chaplain of the order of High Priesthood. Rev. P. H. Jeffries was born in Liverpool, England, August 14, 1809, and was consequently in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was educated in Liverpool and London, and was noted for his strength of body as well as of mind while at school. Among his classmates were Hon. William Gladstone, the English ex-Premier and leader of the Liberals, and Bishop Jackson, at present Lord Bishop of London. It is related that he and Gladstone had many a bout on the play-ground, and that Gladstone generally suffered badly in the encounters. He was educated for a civil engineer, and practised that profession while in England. Among the works finished under his superintendence, and designed by him, is the Lyme Street Station Tunnel in Liverpool. When he left England he went to Charlestown S. C., where he lived many years in the practice of his profession of civil engineering. He finally moved to Ohio, where he gratified a long cherished purpose by entering the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, being ordained at Gambier by the late Bishop McIlvaine.

BRO. the Hon. F. Walpole, P. G. M., Norfolk, England, died recently. Bro. Walpole was installed Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Norfolk, Nov. 20th, 1875, and, owing to his great popularity, and the unanimity with which his appointment by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. G. M., was received in the Province, served to bring together the largest assemblage of Masons ever gathered at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk. Upwards of 300 brethren were present, including not merely Norfolk Masons, but Suffolk, Essex, Leicestershire, and London. Previous to appointment he had served the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master for many years. We are assured his death will be deeply regretted by the Craft in general.

THE *London Freeman* announces the death of Bro. Porter, of Wigton, Past Master of Lodge Concord, Preston, and Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Cumberland and Westmorland. Bro. Porter was cut off after a very brief but severe illness, on the 29th ult. Only on the Thursday previous he had gone off on a business journey, apparently in his usual robust health, and in good spirits. Next day he unfortunately got very wet, from which a cold set in, which rapidly increased to a bad case of inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy, and Bro. Porter got worse, until death put an end to his sufferings at four o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Porter was first initiated at Preston, and went through all the offices of the lodge until he attained the rank of W. M. A few years ago he removed to Wigton, and on his coming into a new Province his enthusiasm for Freemasonry attracted the attention of the Earl Bective (then Lord Kenlis), G. Master of the Province, who soon gave him one of the minor offices in the Province. In 1874, Earl Bective appointed him the Senior Warden of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and in 1875 his lordship again appointed him to the same office. Bro. Porter's Masonic lore was great, and he was more than willing to impart it to any lodge or brother who stood in need of assistance. In the various Masonic charities he wrought hard, and was at various times of much assistance in obtaining votes for candidates, or in getting candidates into the schools and other charities.

ON the 24th February just past another link was sundered from our mystic chain in the death of our distinguished and very worthy brother, Joseph Jenkins Roberts, the father of the country, late President of the Republic, for near twenty years President of Liberia College, and a Past Grand Master Mason of Liberia.