

6th April 1900

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FUNERAL OF MAJOR HARGREAVES.

THIS AFTERNOON.

Impressive testimony to the popularity of and esteem in which the late Major Hargreaves, of Leckhampton Court, was held, was eloquently testified to at the funeral, which took place at Leckhampton Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon. The cortege left the Court shortly after two o'clock, the remains, enclosed in a coffin of old oak with simple mountings, being borne to the church on a bier, at the head of which was Mr. H. Lord, and at the sides Mr. de Lacy Lacy, Col. the Hon. F. Wellesley, Mr. Julian Hargreaves and Mr. Gerald Hargreaves (nephews), Mr. G. Thorneycroft, and Mr. G. Ilwys. The carriage was wheeled by Miss Muriel Hargreaves, deceased's youngest daughter. The remaining principal mourners were Miss Hargreaves (daughter), Miss Hannah Hargreaves (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hargreaves (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. H. Wright, Mr. Joe Platt, Sir George Jenkinson, Col. Henry, Mr. Sotheron Estcourt, Mr. H. J. Ilwys, Mr. C. A. Harding, Mr. Hollock, Sir Forsyth Forrest, Mr. Cecil Lord, and Major Gist. Next came the Cheltenham troop of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars in full uniform, under Major Mathews and Lieut. Talbot. The procession wended its way down the walk, and was met at the entrance to the churchyard by the Rev. Clifford Aston and the surpliced choir; the following members of the Cotswold Hunt, of which the deceased was one of the most popular members, being lined up on either side:—The Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick, Messrs. G. B. Witts, J. Phillips, G. B. Fletcher, Col. Godfrey, Colonel Agg, Messrs. J. Horlick, R. Ticehurst, C. Elwes, A. Byard, J. Holman, A. Le Blanc, and Charles Travers (huntsman). These joined the procession behind the Hussars, which entered the church by the west door. There was a large congregation, the church being full. Amongst those present were Admiral Christian, Messrs. R. Walker (churchwarden), B. Thompson, C. Hall, C. W. Bailey, A. Pierman and R. Harboun (deceased's tenant), Hatton (Bandmaster R.G.H.), E. Fisher, C. Marshall, R. Marshall, N. Smith, and C. Gilding.

As the cortege wended its way up the church, Mr. J. Weaver, the organist, played Chopin's "Funeral March." The coffin was placed in the chancel, and Miss Muriel Hargreaves remained standing at its foot during the service, which commenced with the singing of the hymn, "A few more years shall roll," and was conducted by the Rev. C. Aston. The 90th Psalm was chanted, and was followed by the reading of the lesson (1st Cor., xv., 20). The service in the church was closed by the singing of the hymn, "When our heads are bowed with woe," and as the procession wended its way down the aisle the "Dead March" in "Saul" was played. The grave order to the grave, on either side of which stood the Hussars, was observed, Miss Muriel Hargreaves wheeling the carriage. A large number of people had assembled at the graveside, and there must have been some hundreds present. The committal portion of the service was then read, and the blessing pronounced, which was repeated at the request of Miss Muriel Hargreaves, the effect being very impressive. The grave was lined with moss, studded with primroses and violets. The breast-plate on the coffin bore the simple inscription:—

JOHN HARGREAVES,

April 13th, 1900.

There was a very large number of beautiful wreaths and crosses sent by Mr and Mrs Hargreaves, Miss H. M. Hargreaves, "From Bee," "Jessie," "Gerald and Julian," "Tom Hargreaves," "A token of affection and esteem from Wellington and Evelyn Wellington," "With deepest sympathy from the directors and members of the Orleans Club," "A tribute of regard from the Cotswold Hunt Committee," Sir Lionel and Lady Darrell, Frederick Wellesley, Major and Mrs Francis Butler, "To dear old Jack, from his loving friend, Joe," Mr and Mrs Hicks Beach, Mr Bar and Mrs Bar, "With heartfelt sympathy to the Misses Hargreaves from the officers, non-commissioned officers, and yeomen of the Cheltenham Troop R.G.H.," Mr and Mrs Herbert Mirman, A. Pearman, Col. Platt, Mr J. Cypher, Mrs Mackenzie Frazer, Mr and Mrs Forsyth Forrest, the servants, Mrs J. Platt, Miss Ard'Argent, R. and F. Ticehurst, Mr and Mrs W. H. Bartlett, Seymour Corkson, Mrs Restall and Mrs Smith, "S. & L.," Lady Evelyn Cahbold, Lady Lambington, Mrs