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DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN GOLDSMITH

LIEUT.-COLONEL GEORGE LAMBERT.

We learn with regret that the death of Lieut.-Colonel George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A., who had been in failing health for some three years, occurred on Thursday at 12, Coventry-street, Haymarket, at the age of 78. Deceased, who was one of the oldest gold and silversmiths in London, was a distinguished member of the City Guilds, and from his youth was associated with the Goldsmiths' Company, holding the office of prime warden in 1887. The colonel was apprenticed to the Goldsmiths' Company as a workman in 1837, and was proud of the fact that he was the only apprentice within the last two or three centuries who had attained the distinction of filling the office of prime warden of the guild. From his earliest connexion with the company he was a generous benefactor. Upon entering the court he presented a very fine double-handled cup and cover of the first year of the reign of Queen Anne, and subsequently enriched the guild's plate by a large collection of very choice cups of the period of Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I., together with a unique specimen of Apostles' spoons. In the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, when the colonel was officiating as prime warden, he presented to the guild, on the occasion of the Jubilee banquet, a cup, which was partly made by his own hands, and from which he afterwards drank her Majesty's health, which he proposed in appropriate terms. Later he gratuitously repaired the great mace belonging to the company and the cup presented by Sir Martin Bowes. When upon the livery of the company, deceased was accustomed to serve on the jury of the trial of the Pyx. He was a liveryman of the Horners, Glovers, Tinplate Workers, Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, Gardeners, and Patten Makers' Companies. He was a generous donor to numerous charities, including the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution, of which he was treasurer for 37 years, and the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, the presidential chair of which he occupied for 31 years. The Silver Trades Pension Society, the City of London General Pension Society, and the Metropolitan Benefit Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond, of which he was president, and many others also claimed him as a liberal supporter. On the occasion of the meeting of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society on June 27th, 1883, in Goldsmiths' Hall, under the chairmanship of the late Sir John Staples, G.C.M., the Colonel delivered an interesting paper on the City Guilds. In the course of his remarks he referred particularly to the history of the Goldsmiths' Company, and more especially to the plate in the possession of the guild. Deceased also prepared a paper dealing with City goldsmiths, but this was not read. The Colonel's only son pre-deceased him some 30 years ago, so that he was childless at the time of his death. The funeral will take place at Kensal Green Cemetery on Tuesday, at half-past one p.m. We cannot close this notice without mentioning the well-known fact that Colonel Lambert was for many years an ardent volunteer; indeed, it may truly be said that he was one of the first units of this highly developed organization.

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FUNERAL OF LIEUT.-COLONEL GEORGE LAMBERT.

THE funeral of Lieut.-Colonel George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A., whose death was recorded in Saturday's *City Press*, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery yesterday. Despite the inclement weather, a large gathering of relatives and friends assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. On the arrival of the cortege at the cemetery the mourners passed into the chapel, where a service was held, the Rev. M. C. Richardson, M.A., chaplain, officiating. Among the mourners were: The Misses Houghton, Mrs. Maples, Dr. Johnson Langley and Mrs. Langley, Mr. H. C. Lambert, Mr. E. D. Lambert, Dr. Lambert Houghton, Mr. G. H. Lambert, Mr. Fearnley Lambert, Mr. Henry Lambert, Mr. William Lambert, Mr. Walter Harman, Mr. W. M. Bywater, Mr. A. R. Keay, Mr. E. D. Sidgwick, Dr. George Mickley, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Nichol, Mr. J. B. Ris, Sir Walter S. Prideaux (clerk to the Goldsmiths' Company, of which the deceased was prime warden in 1887), Mr. C. C. Brace (secretary of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution), Mr. A. R. Crosby (secretary of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, of which the deceased was the president), Mr. S. Lowen (chairman of the committee), Mr. J. L. Innocent (for many years the secretary), Mr. C. Townley, Mr. J. W. Thomas, Mr. William Webb, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Tysall, Mr. G. Fox, Major Tyler, Major Kenning, Mr. Bellaby, Mr. James Edwards, Mr. C. Summers, Mr. Millard, Mr. Potheary, Mr. C. Robinson, Mr. H. Breault, Messrs. Stocker, and the following members of the staff of deceased's firm: Mr. Evans, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Green, Mr. Towers, Mr. Hall, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Blackburn, and Mr. Jurquet. Mr. George Grumbridge, clerk and organist, presided at the organ, and played "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," and "Sleep on beloved, sleep." Owing to the incessant rain the service at the graveside was confined to the committal passage. The coffin, which was of oak, bore the simple inscription: "Major George Lambert. Born 23d Sept., 1823. Died 12th Sept., 1901," and was surmounted by an exquisite floral tribute in the form of a book, composed of delicate blossoms, which was sent by Mrs. Charles Lambert. It was requested that flowers should not be forwarded, and the only other floral emblem was a handsome wreath from the committee of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution.