

## THE LATE MAJOR P.H.G. POWELL-COTTON

### BIRCHINGTON MOURNS THE SQUIRE

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A memorial service to the late Major Percy Horace Gordon Powell-Cotton F.Z.S., J.P., of Quex Park, Birchington, was held at All Saints Church, Birchington, on Tuesday, following cremation at Woking, when the village mourned the death of its squire and noted big game hunter.

As reported last week, Major Powell-Cotton, who was seventy-three years of age, died at Midhurst on Wednesday, after a short illness. He made twenty-seven expeditions into the wilds of Africa and at his Museum at Quex Park he had assembled an almost complete collection of specimens of African Big Game.

The cremation service took place at Woking on Monday. It was attended by Mrs. Powell-Cotton (widow), Second Lieutenant Christopher Powell-Cotton (son), Miss Diana Powell-Cotton and Miss Antoinette Powell-Cotton (daughters), and Mr. Neville Garratt (son-in-law). Captain Guy Dellman and Mr. H. J. Braunholtz, of the British Museum, were also present.

The memorial service was conducted by the Vicar of Birchington (the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp), assisted by the Rev. J. D. G. Reeve (curate). There was a large gathering at the church, including neighbouring land-owners and farmers, members of Margate Town Council, traders and representatives of various Birchington organisations in which Major Powell-Cotton took a great interest.

Among those present were the Matron and nurses of Quex Hospital. Before the outbreak of war Major Powell-Cotton had planned another expedition to complete his collection of big game, but when hostilities broke out he abandoned his scheme and devoted himself to converting the museum into a hospital. During the Great War a hospital which he established at Quex carried out great work in restoring soldiers to health, and Major Powell-Cotton hoped to do the same in this war. The hospital was represented by Miss Adams (matron), Mrs Thurgood, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Shaul, Mrs. Brockman, Mrs. Fosher and Miss Parker (nurses).

### SON READS LESSON

The service commenced with the singing of the Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Following which Major Powell-Cotton's son, Second Lieutenant Christopher Powell-Cotton, read the lesson from Revelations.

The hymns, "Sunset and evening star" and "Abide with me" were sung. The family mourners were Mrs. Powell-Cotton, Second Lieutenant C. Powell-Cotton, the Misses D and A Powell-Cotton, Miss Powell-Cotton (sister), Mrs G. M. Powell-Cotton (sister-in-law), and Mr. Neville Garratt.

Those present at the service included the Mayoress of Margate (Mrs. G. B. Farrar), Alderman E. S. Linington, J. P., Councillor W. Curtis (representing Birchington Cheerful Sparrows), Councillor F. J. Cornford, Councillor A. C. Hatfield J. P., Lady Carson, Dr. A. M. Bowie, Mr. H. T. Willett, Mr. H. A. Smith, Mr. E. G. Quested, Mr. Sladden, Mr. W. Tyrrell, Mr. Arland, Mr. R. Thurgood, Mr. Percy Gore, Captain Mackay R.N., Mr. W. Tomlin J. P., Mr. W. J. Gardner, Major D. A. S. Beck, Mr. C. E. Solly, Mr. G. F. Pinfold (curator of Quex Museum) and Mrs. Pinfold, Mr. R. F. Linington, Mr. F. V. Barrow, Miss Colson Phillips, Miss M. Broadley, Mrs. S. Norton-Taylor, Mr. P. Reed,

Miss. Healy, Mr. E. F Cockburn, Mr. J. Hewitt (chairman, Birchington Chamber of Commerce), Mr. W. Stevens, Miss Erlebach, Mrs. Standen, Mrs. H. Crawford, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Watson, Mrs Crouch, Miss Blackhurst, Mrs. E. Chetwin, Mrs. Maple, Mr. F. Brown, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Castle, Miss Exell, Mrs. Castle, Miss Gecar, Mr. W. Thorpe, Mr. A. Mount, Mr. W. Joy, Mr. J. Fort, Mr. W. Tilby, Mr. F. Johnson, Mr. B. Johnson, Mr. W. Eastley, Mr. W. Henley, Mr. E. Crouch, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. L. Dilnot, Mr. G. Ford, Mr. S. Terry, Mr. W. Milstead, Mrs. Tiffen, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Davis, Mr. E. Milstead, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. J. Ells, Miss. Phillips, Mrs. Quested, Mr. Holman, Mrs. Gambrell, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. ? C. Waterman, Mrs. Johnson, the Misses Rowlands, Mrs. Reed, Mr. A. Hoare, Mrs. G. Cook and Miss Williams.

Wreaths were sent to the memorial service by the following – Mrs. Powell-Cotton, Mr. Powell-Cotton and the Misses Powell-Cotton, Miss. Powell-Cotton and Mrs. G. M. Powell-Cotton, Mr and Mrs. Neville Garratt, the Officers Depot The Buffs, Birchington Brotherhood of Cheerful Sparrows and Dr. & Mrs. A. M. Bowie.



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