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DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. CHARLES BRAZIER.

It is with a regret which will be shared by the townspeople at large that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Brazier, which took place at "Bealieu," Portwood-road, on Monday morning after a illness which lasted for five weeks. It is estimated, it may be remembered, in a rather singular manner, inasmuch as Mr. Brazier received a sunstroke which, whilst not of itself fatal, brought on a number of "complications" which have now resulted in the death of the sufferer, despite everything that could be done for him. The patient was under the care of Dr. Breton, who consulted with Dr. Thomas, and the relatives speak in the highest terms of the great attention and skill which Dr. Breton displayed in his treatment of the very difficult case.

Mr. Brazier was a native of Evercreech, in Somerset, but had been resident in Southampton from his childhood. His father carried on business as a plumber, &c., in Canal-walk, and to him Mr. Brazier succeeded, developing it very considerably as years went on. He was most popular amongst his neighbours, and pending his funeral, there was not a house in the "Walk" without a sign of mourning at his decease. His age was 56.

As an ardent Liberal, Mr. Brazier contested the Portwood Ward in 1891, but was beaten by Mr. Appleford by 71 votes. In 1892 he won the Town Ward against Mr. Harry Coles, J.P., whom he defeated by three votes, and as a member of the Corporation Mr. Brazier rendered much valuable service. Three years later he lost his seat to Mr. Webb, and last year he made a gallant fight for St. James, getting within three of Mr. Watson. Mr. Brazier was a Nonconformist, and attended with the members of his family, Above Bar Congregational Church, taking an active interest in several of its organizations, and having been for many years treasurer of its Young Peoples' Association. He was well known as a Forester, being a P.D.O.R. of the South-Western District, and a trustee of Court Concord, and he was also a Freemason of the Peace and Harmony Lodge. Other positions which he filled were those of director of the Star-Bowkett Society, and President of the Town Ward Liberal Association, whilst for many years he took a great interest in the affairs of the Workmen's Hall in Winchester-terrace. He was also a member of the Town Bowling Green. Mr. Brazier was a bright, genial, kind-hearted man, and was a favourite with people of all classes and parties, being held in universal esteem. He threw his energies into various movements for the well-being of the people, and in many capacities, especially as a member of the Town Council, did good service to the community. He leaves a widow and several grown-up sons and daughters, with whom much sympathy is felt in their bereavement.

The remains of the deceased were interred in the Southampton Cemetery yesterday afternoon, when amongst the public and other societies represented were the Southampton Chamber of Commerce, the Southampton Bowling Green, the Southampton District and Court Concord of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Order of Sheriffs, the Southampton and South Hants Liberal Club, the St. James and Town Wards Liberal Associations, the Peace and Harmony Lodge of Freemasons, the Workmen's Hall, the Star-Bowkett Building Society, Hampshire and Isle of Wight branch of the National Registration of Plumbers, and the U.T.C.B.C. The body, which was encased in a highly polished oak coffin, with brass furniture, was conveyed in a Washington car, and was literally covered with wreaths. In the first coach were Mrs. C. Brazier (widow), Messrs. A. C. Brazier, A. H. Brazier, and Walter Brazier (sons), and Mrs. A. J. Beer (daughter); in the second, Messrs. E. and Ada Brazier, Mrs. A. C. Beer, Mr. A. J. Beer, and Mr. Robb; in the third, Mrs. Agnew (sister), Mr. E. Brazier (brother), Mrs. F. Brazier, Mr. A. A. Brazier (brother), and Mr. J. Agnew (brother-in-law); in the fourth, Mr. J. Foote (brother-in-law), Mrs. Foote (sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brazier (Wilton) cousins; and in the fifth, Dr. Breton (deceased's medical attendant) and Mr. John Newman (solicitor). The next carriage to the mourning coaches was that of the "Instruction Lodge" of Freemasons in connection with which the deceased held office. To mention all who attended the obsequies would be a very difficult task, but an indication of the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held by his fellow-townsmen is to be found in the simple mention of the fact that about 30 carriages were included in the cortege. Court Concord of the A.O.F. was represented by Mrs. Nash, Caron, Compton, Williams, and Lewington, and Court St. Denys by Mr. Marsh and other brethren, whilst amongst other prominent members of local friendly societies and other institutions with which Mr. Brazier was connected may be mentioned Mr. E. B. Robbs, Mr. J. Lumbly, Mr. C. Tuok, Mr. A. Johnson, Mr. W. Jenvey, Mr. C. Thomas, Mr. Wren, Mr. Thompson, Mr. E. Kingman, Mr. P. R. Domoney, Mr. Jordan and others. The District Council of the Registered Plumbers Association was represented by Messrs. J. H. Bishard, A. Doggell, P. Stutchbury, W. Horneby, and R. Lemon. Messrs. A. J. Spencer, B. Rowbotham, W. Berry and Humphrey Huxley attended as members of the Southampton Bowling Green. The burial ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. W. F. Clarkson, pastor of the Above Bar Congregational Church, while Mr. John P. Nash, of Court Concord, A.O.F., read the Foresters' service. Some of the deceased's workmen acted as bearers. The plate on the coffin bore the following inscription:—

CHARLES BRAZIER, aged 56. Born April 30, 1840. The pronouncing of the Benediction concluded a very solemn and impressive ceremony. Inspector Hurst and a small detachment of police were present. We may here mention, as intimated below, that the Southampton Boys' Shelter sent a wreath, and the committee was represented at the funeral by the secretary (Mr. G. Leimbinger). Amongst the contributors of wreaths were the following:—Mrs. C. Brazier, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brazier, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brazier, Ada and Walter, Rye and Arthur, Fern and Sandy, Southampton Bowling Green, Lizzie and George Brazier, Mr. and Mrs. Warne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Humby (Aberstoke), St. James and Town Ward Liberal Associations (with which the deceased had been long associated), Southampton Boys' Shelter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Messrs. J. Foote and Son; the officers and members of Court Concord, A.O.F., members of the Workmen's Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miell, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Rayenhill, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Beer, the Southampton Cycling Club, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and family (Canal-walk), Mr. and Mrs. E. Beer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brazier and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tuok, the members of the U.T.C.B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brazier and family, the National Registration of Plumbers (Hampshire and Isle of Wight District), Messrs. J. A. and E. Brazier (Wilton), Mr. A. Foote and Miss Ferrott. The workmen of the deceased also sent a beautiful wreath, in extent exceeding all the others, with a card attached, on which were inscribed the words "With deep sympathy, from his old and constant employes," the following lines being appended:—

His work is done, he sleeps in God. O! happy, holy rest.
Calm be thy slumbers, and thy awakening blest.
All the funeral arrangements were carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. R. S. Smith and Co., of 40 and 41, High-street, under the personal management of Mr. E. Halford.

DEPARTURE OF LI HUNG CHANG.

The Lord Li, of the suite of our famous Chinese visitor, Li Hung Chang, who leaves for America to-day, came to Southampton on Wednesday in order to inspect the arrangements made for the accommodation.