

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

MR. W. CROSFIELD.—The death occurred suddenly yesterday of Mr. William Crosfield, of Liverpool. He was attending a meeting at the Town Hall when he was seized with apoplexy. He was 71 years of age. Mr. Crosfield had for many years been prominently identified with religious and philanthropic work. He was a leading Congregationalist, and at one time made a tour of investigation of missionary work in the Pacific and elsewhere. In business, from which he retired a few years ago, he was a sugar refiner, and occupied an important position in various commercial undertakings. He was a city magistrate, a member of the Mersey Dock Board and of the Liverpool Education Committee, and had long served in the City Council. He was a Liberal in politics, and he represented Lincoln City in the House of Commons from 1892 to 1895, when he was defeated at the polls by Mr. C. H. Seely.

MRS. WILBERFORCE.—The death took place on Saturday in London of Mrs. Basil Wilberforce, wife of the Archdeacon of Westminster. Basil Wilberforce, to whom she was married in 1865, was the youngest son of Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. Six years after their marriage Mr. Wilberforce was appointed by his father to the living of St. Mary, Southampton, which he held for 23 years. Here, as throughout his career, he received the constant and invaluable assistance of his wife in his labours. In 1834 Mr. Wilberforce was made Canon of Westminster.

MR. ALBERT CARRINGTON.—The death occurred last night of Alderman Albert Carrington, Burnley, in his 58th year. Mr. Carrington was the leader of the Conservatives in the Town Council and the treasurer of the Conservative Association. He was mayor of Burnley for two years, being first elected in 1893. He was a magistrate and an overseer.

THE LATE REV. GEOFFREY BIRTWELL.—A correspondent writes:—"The announcement of the death of the Rev. Geoffrey Birtwell, of Ashley, which was made in Monday's "Manchester Guardian," will be received by many lovers of nature with feelings of sincere regret. He was in several respects a remarkable man. Half a century ago he taught watchmaking and mechanics to classes of young men at Altrincham, and never allowed his interest in education to flag. For over forty years he had lived at Ashley, and was known and beloved by the country folk for miles round the vicarage. Few things gave him greater pleasure than to take appreciative visitors round his garden and point out to them some of the many interesting plants it contained. And what a garden it is! At all times and seasons of the year there is something worthy of note to be seen. There may be seen the mistletoe growing in wonderful profusion on a number of apple trees, and rare plants brought from foreign countries. Mr. Birtwell used to exult with pride that he could show the late Lord Grindon plants that he had never seen before, and would point out others covered with bloom which professional gardeners declared could not be grown in the district. Beautiful at most parts of the year, the garden is seen at its best in July, when the roses of all shades of colour are out, when the centre of the garden is gay with thousands of poppies, and when the crimson ramblers, trained by loving hands to grow up the trunks of dead trees fixed in the ground for the purpose, are masses of colour. Nowhere in the Manchester district do the last named reach such a state of perfection as in the minister's garden at Ashley. When we consider that in addition to these great attractions Mr. Birtwell himself was a delightful character, we cannot wonder that his garden has been visited by thousands of people year by year. Perhaps his love of nature had broadened his views, and made him kindly considerate for those who differed from him in theological and other matters."

REV. C. J. BLACK.—The death is announced at Birmingham, of the Rev. Charles J. Black, a minister of the Wesleyan Church. He had been stationed at Congleton, Dunstable, at Oldham-street and Longsight in Manchester, at Jarrow, Darlington, and Blackburn. Last September he became the superintendent minister of the West Bromwich circuit. He was 57 years of age.

News was received yesterday of the death in Paris of MR. ADOLPH KLINGELHOEFER, a director of the Amazon Steam Navigation Company.