

FEBRUARY 20, 1926.

MR. G. F. LYNDON.

Death of Former Kings Heath Magistrate.

POPULAR FIGURE.

The death took place last Friday, at his residence at Olton, of Mr. George Frederick Lyndon, at one time one of the foremost public men of the Moseley and King's Heath District.

Mr. Lyndon, who was aged 83, was the son of Mr. Walter A. Lyndon, who lived at the Henburys, which estate now forms part of Uffculme Park. The Henburys mansion and grounds were purchased by the late Mr. Richard Cadbury, and were thrown into the park of Uffculme, where the latter resided till his death.

Mr. Lyndon's grandfather founded, nearly a hundred years ago, the Minerva Works, Fazeley Street, under the style of Lyndon and Wignall. Mr. W. A. Lyndon modernised the edge tool trade, and Mr. G. F. Lyndon, on succeeding to the control of the business in 1875, on the death of his father, improved on existing methods, for when the use of homogeneous metal was begun in substitution of iron, he patented a welding process which greatly enhanced the output of the Minerva factory. He also organised an extensive export trade.

Mr. Lyndon retired from business a number of years ago.

FIRST COUNTY
COUNCILLOR.

Though managing a big business, Mr. G. F. Lyndon spared a considerable amount of time for public work. On the formation of County Councils in 1899, Mr. Lyndon became first County Councillor for Moseley and Kings Heath, which was then one division.

During his six years of office he was a member of the Standing Joint Committee, and as chairman of a sub-committee of the County Highways and Bridges Committee, he was instrumental in the carrying out of several improvements in the roads of the division.

In 1893 Mr. Lyndon was appointed a magistrate for the county, sitting regularly at Kings Heath Police Court. Always thorough in what he did, he gave himself with much seriousness to his duties. He made himself familiar with the law on all the cases that came before him, and he could be relied upon to give a correct interpretation in his judicial decisions.

Mr. Lyndon was so assiduous and punctual in his magisterial duties that he came to be known as "The Stipendiary." On the transfer of the administration of the Court from the county to the city, at the consummation of Greater Birmingham, Mr. Lyndon sat occasionally at Redditch and Wythall Courts.

KEEN SPORTSMAN.

He inherited his love of sport from his father, who was a well-known race-horse breeder.

Mr. G. F. Lyndon was also a lover of horses, and at one time he rode regularly to hounds with the North Warwickshire Hunt. He was president of Moseley Football Club from 1891 to

1893, president of Moseley Park Lawn Tennis Club, vice-president of Moseley C.C., and of the Coldbath Quoit Club. He was a good shot, and was also a keen photographer, and followed the late Sir Benjamin Stone as president of the Birmingham Photographic Society. He was vice-president of the Survey Department.

Another science in which Mr. Lyndon was interested was meteorology. He had a rainfall gauge fitted in his grounds, and each month he supplied to the "News" statistics of the fall, with interesting comparisons of previous years compiled from his carefully-kept log.

For many years Mr. Lyndon resided at Brandwood House, then in Chantry Road, Moseley, and later in Oxford Road. Some years ago he removed to Olton. His mother was a daughter of Mr. J. Evers-Swindell, of Oldswinford Castle, Stourbridge, member of a leading county family. He was three times married, and had four daughters of his earlier marriages.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Moseley Parish Church, and the body was interred in the family vault.

The service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Hopton, Vicar of Moseley.

The chief mourners were Mr. J. Evers-Swindell, of Warstone House, near Bewdley, Mr. H. Evers-Swindell, of Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Col. J. H. Horsfall (representing his father, Mr. H. H. C. Horsfall, of Penns Hall), Mr. R. Walford (son-in-law), Mr. Harry Gibbs (son-in-law), Mr. Thomas Henn, Alderman T. O. Williams (Deputy Lord

Mayor, and executor), Dr. C. Lunn (Olton), Mr. Percy L. Z. Lea; Mr. F. Sidney Goodwin, and Mr. Wilfrid Mathews (solicitor).

There were several floral tributes.