

## Obituary.

### James Cope Richardson

With regret we announce the death of Mr. James Cope Richardson, formerly of the City Flour Mills in the City of Lichfield, at his residence, Glenlea Moseley, near Birmingham, at the advanced age of 79 years. He was the son of Thomas Richardson, Solicitor, of Uttoxeter. It was his intention to go to the University with a view to follow Law or take Holy Orders, but the early death of his father when he, the eldest son, was only 17, obliged him to abandon a professional career, in order to supervise a small flour milling and artificial manure business, in which his father was interested, near Lichfield. In 1868 he moved to Lichfield and established the successful flour milling and baking business of which he was sole proprietor up to the year of his retirement in 1914, when he disposed of it by auction to the company now carrying on the business. He was well known and respected in the trade as a shrewd, high principled business man. Whilst in business he was a member of the National Associations in both milling and baking, but took no active part, nor did he take active interest in municipal or political affairs, but he was a generous and active supporter of philanthropic, religious and temperance societies and institutions, not only in his life time, but also by bequests at his death.

In 1861 he married Louisa Townsend Bakewell, who now survives him, after a union of 58 years of happy and blest companionship, having as issue five sons and two daughters, of whom four sons and one daughter survive, all married. His eldest son, Albert Thomas, after a brilliant college career at Oxford, took Holy Orders, and is the present Vicar of Bradford-on-Avon. His second and youngest sons, Charles and James, are well known as expert millers and gold medallists, the elder being the Managing Director of Beaver Mills (1910) Limited, at Par in Cornwall, and the younger the Mill Manager of Messrs. W. Vernon and Sons London mills. His third son, Henry, is the founder and President of the Richardson Scale Company, an extensive and successful automatic scale business established at Prussiaic, New Jersey, U.S.A. His surviving daughter, Louisa, is the wife of Archdeacon Phair, of Winnipeg, Canada.

Mr. Richardson died of cerebral hæmorrhage. He was mercifully spared a long, lingering illness, and up to a short time before his last illness he was actively employed in helping others, whose circumstances, largely on account of the war, had become straitened. By many such acts, full in years, he left behind him a memory beloved and respected, and much treasure laid up in that House, from which Chancellors of the Exchequer reap little benefit in Death Duties. He was laid to rest in Brandwood End Cemetery, near Birmingham, on Wednesday, May 7th, the burial service being taken by his eldest son, the other mourners being his two sons Charles and James and his eldest grandson, Alan Townsend Richardson, accompanied by Miss Roobotham and Nurse Bennett, who attended him in his last illness, and his solicitor and friend Herbert Williams, Esq., of Birmingham.