

THE BURIAL OF RIPLEY ROPES.

BROOKLYN'S LEADING MEN ATTEND THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

A great crowd of politicians and business men went to the Church of the Saviour on Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon to pay the last mark of respect to the memory of Ripley Ropes. A short service was first held at the house, 40 Pierrepont Street, at which only members of the family were present. The Rev. A. P. Putnam, the former pastor of Mr. Ropes's church, read a prayer, and the Manhattan Quartet sang several hymns. At 3 o'clock the body was taken to the church, the following gentlemen acting as pall bearers: J. Ross Curran, Secretary of the Brooklyn Trust Company; A. M. White, A. A. Low, Seth Low, A. D. Baylis, John Pierrepont, Judge Cullen, Judge Bartlett, Judge Gilbert, W. H. Maxwell, Charles Pratt, T. H. Rodman, C. D. Wood, Surrogate Abbott, and Samuel Ward Boocock.

Mr. Putnam was assisted at the church by the Rev. H. Price Collyer, the present pastor. The latter read the service and Mr. Putnam preached a sermon pointing out the events of Mr. Ropes's life and the principal traits in his character. At the close of the service the body was brought to this city and taken by rail to Salem, Mass., where it will be buried.

Among those at the church, in addition to the Aldermen and delegations from the Brooklyn Trust and the Union Ferry Companies, were J. S. T. Stranahan, William Murtha, Judge Clement, Judge Osborne, ex-Register Hugh McLaughlin, Postmaster Joseph C. Hendrix, Henry Beam, Edward Annan, John McCue, C. C. Martin, John F. James, ex-Mayor Howell, James F. Pierce, ex-Mayor Hunter, ex-Mayor Stryker, William N. Dykman, H. H. Wheeler, Leonard Moody, Senator John C. Jacobs, Judge Pratt, Dr. Otterson, Col. William Hester, William Van Anden, John A. Nichols, William H. Wallace, Col. Andrew D. Baird, Gen. James Jourdan, Silas B. Dutcher, Col. Alexander Bacon, Corporation Counsel Almet F. Jenks, Michael Chauncey, Alexander M. Wright, William B. Kendall, Edwin F. Knowlton, John T. Martin, Frederick Cromwell, John P. Rolfe, Henry K. Sheldon, Cornelius B. Wood, William H. Male, John Gibbs, and George W. Chauncey.

MRS. SMITH'S FAMILY PARTY.

A BROOKLYN LADY CELEBRATES HER HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY TO-DAY.

Mrs. Charlotte Smith, who lives with her granddaughter, Mrs. E. J. H. Stechter, at 296½ Thirteenth Street, Brooklyn, will be one hundred years old to-day, and she is going to celebrate that event by gathering together all her living descendants. This will be a formidable task, for the old lady boasts of six sons and daughters, thirty-four grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, sixteen great-great-grandchildren, and thirty nephews and nieces. The oldest of all these is her big boy, aged seventy-one, and the youngest is a tot of eleven months. Some of these descendants live as far away as Omaha, but Mrs. Smith says they will all be on hand to-day.

The old lady does not look to be a day over seventy. Her face is as smooth and round as a baby's, and the closest inspection fails to disclose a wrinkle. Her blue eyes are as bright as ever, but it is hard work for her to see clearly, and her hearing is also defective.

Mrs. Smith was formerly a Miss Post, and was one of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to be over ninety. When a child she lived at Yonkers, and she has a very clear recollection of the visits paid to her parents at that time by guerrilla bands. On one occasion a rope was placed about her mother's neck and she was drawn up to the limb of a tree only to be cut down by a half-dozen soldiers who arrived.

Mrs. Smith has been a widow for fifty-five years. Her husband was a shoemaker, and when the war of 1812 broke out he went to the front. His wife took his place at the bench and supported her family for over a year, besides supplying many a soldier. Mrs. Smith is now almost an invalid, owing to rheumatic troubles. The last time she left the house was a year ago, when she came to this city to take lunch at the home of ex-Gov. Cornell.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The annual strawberry festival of the Methodist Episcopal Church Home for the Aged, Tenth Avenue and Ninety-third Street, will be held in the institution this evening and to-morrow evening. The programme for this evening will include Mr. S. G. Pratt's "Musical Metempsychosis or Transmigration, of a Tone," which will be illustrated with more than fifty views. Miss Ella Joslyn and Miss Hattie Leonard will assist Mr. Pratt.

The entertainment to-morrow evening will consist of recitations by Miss Sadie V. Milne and music by the New-York University Glee Club. The price of tickets is \$1 each, and they may be had at the door.

DISCHARGED FOR LAZINESS.

Collector Erhardt yesterday ordered the dismissal of six laborers from the Public Stores. The reason was not offensive partisanship. They were "bounced" because of offensive laziness. There is understood to be considerable likelihood of the discharge of twenty or thirty more laborers for the same excellent reason.