

SIR PERCIVAL

GLO'STERSHIRE V.C. LIMITS HIS BEQUESTS

TAXATION "REGRET"

COL. SIR PERCIVAL SCROPE MARLING, who died at his residence, Stanley Park, Stroud, has left gross estate of the value of £280,341/13/7, with net personalty £249,782/9/5, on which £70,939/6/3 estate duty has been paid.

Sir Percival, who was the third baronet, died at the age of 75 after a brief illness, and his will shows that it was made a week before his death, which occurred on May 20.

Late of the 18th Hussars, C.B., D.L., J.P., Sir Percival was one of the oldest holders of the Victoria Cross, having won it 52 years ago at the Battle of Tamai, in the Suakim Expedition.

He directed his executors to provide:

A good and adequate luncheon and tea with beer, ginger beer, lemonade and cigarettes, etc., for the Non-Commissioned officers, men and trumpeters of the 13-18th Hussars, the 5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, and the 60th King's Royal Rifles Corps who attended his funeral.

And "I ask that the 'Last Post' and the 'Reveille' shall be sounded.

Sir Percival left:

£100 to the Master of the Berkeley Hunt, the income for an annual gift to the Berkeley Hunt Wine Fund.

£100 to the British Legion, City of Gloucester, for the special benefit of blind legionnaires.

£100 to the Stroud General Hospital.

£100 to the Stroud and District Nursing Association, stating, "I regret I cannot leave more to these charities owing to heavy taxation."

£500 To My Dear School

£500 to the Governors of "my dear School" Harrow, for a scholarship of £20 a year for the descendants of any old Harrovian in the 60th K.R.R.C., or 18th Hussars, who was killed in the Great War." "If I die after my wife £50 to Harrow School to erect a memorial tablet to myself in the School Chapel."

£50 to the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club.

£100 to the Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints, Selsley, Stroud, the income to be



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distributed on Christmas Eve among the sick poor over 60 years of age.

£100 to the 5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.

To Servants

20 guineas each to nurses Miss M. F. Witcomb and Miss Coleman.

£100 each to his head-gardener Fred Charles Walton, his stud-groom Arthur W. Harris, his estate foreman Percy Speechley, his cook-housekeeper Edith Rose Emily Porter, his head housemaid Kate Culverhouse, and his agent John Milner Hall.

£50 each to his permanent employees on the Stanley Park Estate of five years' service.

£100 each to Col. Ardern Beaman, Lady Kathleen Lindsay and Brig-Gen. Chas. Burnett, C.B. "who was my adjutant in the Boer War."

£50 each to his godchildren Peggy Waters, Michael Hill, David Marlyn, Mrs. Chrystal Earle, Robin Grey, Donald Bush, and Percival E. Baker.

£50 each to his executors.

The advowson of Woolaston-cum-Alvington to his wife, and £1,000, and the residue of his property in trust for his wife for life.

The Public Trustee, Samuel Stanley Marling, of Littleworth House, Amberley, and Major William John Paley Marling, of Great Rissington Manor, Bourton-on-the-Water, brothers, and Lieut.-Col. Thomas Charles Sinclair, of Frimley Hall, Camberley, Surrey, are the executors.

Sir Percival Marling was chairman of the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit and Offices Co., and a director of the Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Co., a former member of the Gloucestershire County Council, and High Sheriff of the County in 1923, president of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club in 1921, and a steward of the Berkeley Hunt Point-to-Point Races.