

no honours nor grants-in-aid, and, although old, is still in good health and able to do more than many young men, yet he is unable to fulfil all his duties as priest in charge of two congregations, Superintendent of two large schools, also Editor of the *Egre ja Lusitana*; so we cannot but feel deeply aggrieved that after spending so many years of his life, even while in business, in working for, supporting, and helping the Lusitanian Church, and after giving a large portion of his capital to build churches, schools, and endow the Lusitanian Church, he should not be given *three priests* to help him in his arduous duties, and we feel this especially, as he never injured the interest of any colleague, and we don't ask, at the present time, for any grant from abroad to pay the stipend of these priests

Our venerable Pastor requires three priests to help him in his old age—one as coadjutor of the Church of Salvador do Mundo, one as coadjutor of the Church of S. Juan Evangelista, and one to visit the Missions, Associations, and congregations not yet in full communion with the Lusitanian Church, but will join us as soon as a native-born Bishop is consecrated.

The services rendered by Diogo Cassels were recognised by the Portuguese Government in an ordinance of the 18th of November, 1915, published in the *Diario do Governo*, praising his acts of benevolence for the advancement and instruction of the populace, and the Municipal Council of Gaya has called a public road crossing the important avenue of the town of Gaya, *Diogo Cassels*.

We leave the future in God's Hands.

THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH BOARD AND THE "SOCIÉTÉ DE CULTE."

The President of the *Société de Culte*—Joaquim Ferreira da Silva.

The Secretary—José Pereira de Pina Cabral (Sergeant-Major).

The Treasurer—Joaquim Gomes Ferreira (Academician).

Lay-delegate to the Synod—Bernardo Rodrigues Guedes (Builder).

Churchwarden—Bernardino Francisco Ferreira (Artizan).

Churchwarden—Joas da Silva Maciel (Commercial clerk).

The Guardian of
15th March 1917

THE LUSITANIAN CHURCH.

The announcement that it is now fifty years since the Rev. Diogo Cassels—then a layman—began his evangelistic work in Portugal will be read with interest by those of our readers who have followed the fortunes of the Lusitanian Church in the reports which have appeared in these columns from time to time and have noted the important part that Mr. Cassels has played in its development. Fortunately, the days of persecution have passed away, and in his old age he is allowed to witness the fruit of his early labours and the steady growth of the Church. Great stress is laid on the importance of freedom from foreign oversight and control as being contrary to the Canons and Liturgy, and to the laws of Portugal, as well as being prejudicial to the well-being of the Church and its development on national lines. A good deal of interesting information on the origin, progress, and personnel of the Church will be found on page 22.

The Lloyd's of
22nd November 1917

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

GROWTH OF THE LUSITANIAN CHURCH.

[From a Correspondent.]

The Lusitanian Church is making steady progress in Portugal. At St. Juan Evangelista, Gaia, at the recent Harvest Thanksgiving the church was filled with attentive worshippers, and the collections amounted to exactly forty escudos, or dollars—a large amount, as the congregation consists principally of the labouring classes, and especially considering the very great increase in the cost of living and the distress now existing in Portugal. On the following day eight loads of fruit were distributed among the poor, sick, and infirm inmates of five of the public asylums in the city of Oporto. The Day and Sunday Schools connected with this congregation are quite full. During the month of October 335 children were registered in the day-schools and eighty-eight adults in the night-classes. During the last two years 301 scholars have passed in public examinations (sixty-nine with distinction). All the children are daily instructed in Scripture. Twice a week instruction on Catholic doctrine is given by the pastor in the church; these classes are very well attended. Since January 1st last 165 persons have joined the church, being an increase of 75 per cent. during the last ten months. There are now 385 contributing members, and the number is still increasing, the majority being also communicants, and there are at least twelve hundred adherents.