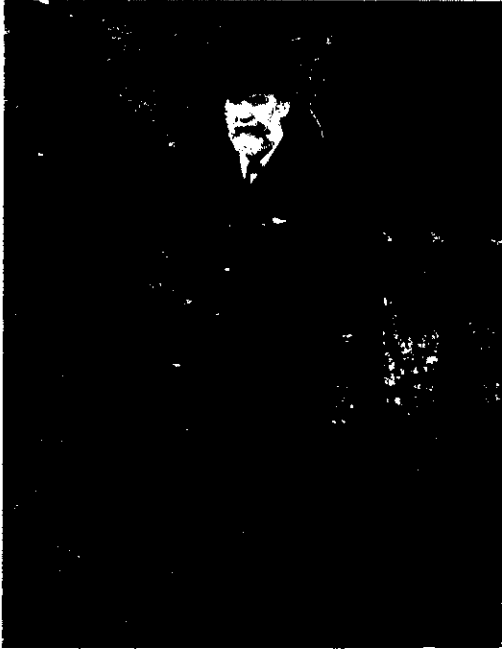


Sir Robert Hart and His Decorations.

A REMARKABLE LIST.

Since his last birthday he has received three additional orders of chivalry—to wit, "First Class, Order of the Rising Sun," sent to him by the Emperor of Japan, and the "Grand Cross of the Or-

der of the Dragon of Anam," conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, whilst the King of Italy has decorated him with the "Grand Cordon, Order of the Crown of Italy." This is the second time Sir Robert has received the Order of the Crown of Italy, the late King Humbert having created him a grand officer of the same in 1884. This distinguished Order was founded in 1868, and consists of five classes. The first class is limited to 60 members, the second to



SIR ROBERT HART.

Probably the most decorated man in the British Empire.



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THE LATE G. G. STEAD, OF CHRISTCHURCH.

150, the third to 500, the fourth to 2,000, and as for simple chevaliers, who form the fifth class, their number is unlimited. Insignia, a white enamelled cross, the four arms of which are connected by lines of gold; the centre of the cross is adorned with the iron crown. Ribbon, crimson-watered silk with a large white stripe.

Sir Robert Hart is one of the few British subjects possessing the coveted and illustrious Order of Christ of Portugal, King Dom Luis, the grandfather of the present youthful Monarch, having made him a Knight Grand Cross of the Order in

1888 in recognition of his services in connection with the Sino-Portuguese Convention at Macao, the Portuguese possession near Canton. Sir Robert conducted the Macao negotiations on behalf of China, while Portugal was represented by the brilliant Senhor H. de Barros Gomez, who held the portfolio for Foreign Affairs in Senhor Lucian de Castro's Administration. The Order of Christ of Portugal is one of the oldest decorations in Europe, having been founded in 1319, exactly thirty years before the English

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BAPTISING MORMON CONVERTS AT KAIKOHE, BAY OF ISLANDS.

The Mormon cross seems to have an attraction for the native race in the North, and converts are fairly numerous. Polygamy, however, is not one of the tenets of the sect.