

OBITUARY.

KENNETH ALFRED WOLFE BARRY, O.B.E., was born on 16 March, 1879, the second son of the late Sir John Wolfe Barry, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., Past-President Inst. C.E., and died on 1 July, 1936, in London. He went to Winchester in 1892 and from there to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he carried out 2 years' engineering study. In 1899 he was articled to his father's firm for practical training, and subsequently gained varied experience in connection with civil engineering works, including the Surrey Commercial Docks Extension; Port Natal, Durban Harbour; Middlesbrough Dock Extension; the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway; and the Whitechapel and Bow Railway. He then became associated with his father's firm as a partner and was at the time of his death senior partner.

Among his personal appointments outside those held by his firm, he was consulting engineer, jointly with others, to the Bombay Port Trust, the Aden Port Trust, the Southern Punjab Railway, and the Darjeeling and Himalayan Railway. As a member of his firm he was a consulting engineer to the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, the Kowloon-Canton line, and the Tower bridge; and was connected with the construction of the Immingham dock, the Alexandra dock, Newport, Mon., the new Fish dock completed only recently at Grimsby, and numerous other important works.

During the War Mr. Wolfe Barry obtained a commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery, but was seconded for service at H.M. Factory, Gretna (Ministry of Munitions, Department of Explosives Supply), where he later became Assistant Superintendent, and was made O.B.E.

Mr. Wolfe Barry succeeded Mr. Austin Taylor as Chairman of Westminster Hospital in 1928. He had previously been for 16 years a member of the house committee. His great services to the hospital were marked by an industry and devotion that enabled him to triumph over difficulties which at times seemed almost insuperable. He brought forward the rebuilding scheme now in progress, and was largely responsible for the great effort to obtain the preliminary fund of £100,000.

Mr. Wolfe Barry was elected an Associate Member of The Institution in 1905 and was transferred to full Membership in 1913. He was elected a Member of Council in 1935. He became a Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in 1920.

He married Helen Mary, daughter of the late Mr. John Strain, M. Inst. C.E., in 1902, by whom he had three sons and one daughter.