

with the company, but by the community at large. He died suddenly of typhoid fever, on the 17th of May, 1890, at Buenos Ayres, in his 49th year. Mr. Abbott was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 3rd of December, 1872, and was transferred to the class of Member on the 28th of May, 1878.

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CHARLES PRIME, born on the 9th of April, 1834. He served a pupilage of five years under Mr. Nash, of Norfolk, and was employed for two years longer by him, in charge of works and buildings. Subsequently he was engaged for ten years under Mr. Ennor, of London, as foreman and clerk of the works on important building and engineering works in England and on the Continent.

In March 1866 he was appointed draughtsman and framer of estimates and Superintending Officer in the Public Works Department of the Government of Ceylon, and at first had charge of the Galle district, under the provincial officer of public works for the Southern Province of Ceylon. He became Acting Provincial Assistant of the North-West Province on the 1st of September, 1874; Provincial Assistant of the Northern Province in 1876; Provincial Assistant, Uva, in 1878, and Provincial Engineer in 1886. Mr. Prime, during the course of his service, carried out a great many important and large public works—public buildings, roads, irrigation works and bridges—among the greatest of which was the large bridge across the wide channel at Elephant Pass, in the Northern Province of Ceylon.

Mr. Prime was one of those energetic and reliable men whose appointment to a responsible position was a guarantee that the work would be substantially and successfully carried out, under the greatest difficulties—even in the wilds of the jungle, and the most unhealthy climates.

Mr. Prime frequently had serious attacks of malarial fever, contracted in the discharge of his duties, and came on leave to England three times in the course of his twenty-four years' service, to recruit his health. Personally, he was a genial kind-hearted man, ever ready to help others, and zealous in the execution of his duties. He was a Captain in the Ceylon Light Infantry Volunteers, and was considered to be a most able officer. As an illustration of his love for work, and his facility of mastering practical details for which he had not been regularly trained, it may be mentioned that, while engaged in London as clerk of the works

under Mr. Ennor, he joined the Tower Hamlets Engineer Volunteer Corps, and devoted his spare time so successfully to the duties of Military Engineering, that, when he was commanding a working party at one of the inspections of the Corps, the inspecting officer commended his work as being equal to that of the Royal Engineers, and expressed surprise at hearing that he had never been in that service.

Mr. Prime was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 7th of December, 1869, and was transferred to the class of Members on the 9th of December, 1879. He died from chronic diarrhoea, on the 28th of July, 1890, two days after his arrival in England.

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WILLIAM HENRY STUBBS, the eldest son of Mr. William Stubbs, was born at Spalding, Lincolnshire, in October, 1847. He was educated at a private school conducted by the Rev. J. C. Jones, M.A. In 1862, he was articled to his uncle, Mr. Richard Johnson, engineer to the Great Northern Railway Company. During the years 1869 and 1870, he was engaged as assistant engineer on the Wood Green and Enfield Railway, and in the year 1870 was appointed resident engineer on the Bourne and Sleaford Railway. In 1871-2, Mr. Stubbs was engaged on the preliminary surveys for the Derbyshire and Staffordshire extensions of the Great Northern Railway, and was appointed resident engineer on the first section of 20 miles, the works of which he designed and carried out, including tunnels, viaducts, and other works of a very heavy description.

In July, 1877, Mr. Stubbs was appointed engineer to the North Staffordshire Railway Company, and continued in that position until May, 1886, when he was appointed engineer to the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company on the retirement of the late Mr. Charles Sacré, M. Inst. C.E. Mr. Stubbs suffered in 1889, from aneurism of the arteries, and never afterwards entirely recovered his accustomed health; he died suddenly on the 21st of June, 1890, in the forty-third year of his age, whilst on a visit to Blackpool, where he was engaged in setting out a new line of railway. He was elected Member of the Institution on the 3rd of December, 1878.

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