

WILLIAM HERBERT WHEELER, B.A., elder son of Mr. William Henry Wheeler, Harbour Engineer of Boston, was drowned, with his brother Ralf, off Skegness on the 28th of June, 1896. The brothers were sailing to Hull in their yacht, a vessel of about 4 tons, and having moored her for the night off Skegness were returning from shore when the skiff in which they were rowing was carried out of its course by a strong southerly current. In their endeavour to make fast to a buoy, towards which the current had carried them, the skiff was capsized and its occupants were drowned.

The subject of this notice was born on the 11th of May, 1867, and was educated at Cheltenham College and at Cambridge University, where he attended the engineering course and graduated with honours. In June, 1887, he was articled to his father, with whom he subsequently remained as an assistant. In that capacity he made surveys for the canal to join the Aire and Calder Navigation with the South Yorkshire Canal, and for the Shipcote Drainage, the works of which he afterwards superintended under his father's direction. He also made surveys and observations for reports on the improvement of the River Wharfe and of the River Colne from Colchester to the sea; and took tidal and other observations of the Ribble and the Parrett for a similar object. He successfully directed the raising and removal of the s.s. "Ethel," which had been wrecked in the Witham and was seriously impeding navigation; and he designed a new form of dredger called the "Eroder" dredger, by means of which shoals in the Witham were removed at a very small cost. He assisted in reorganizing the lighting of Boston Deepes and the River Witham by an improved system of leading lights, by which the approach from the sea was much facilitated, and at the time of his death he was employed in superintending the dredging and deepening of the river from Boston Deepes to the sea.

Mr. Wheeler was elected an Associate Member on the 6th of December, 1892. As a Student he had previously read a Paper on "The Cleaning and Deepening of Rivers and Canals by means of the Transporting Power of Water," for which he was awarded a Miller Prize.

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HOWARD JOHN KENNARD, born in London on the 29th of November, 1829, was the son of the late Mr. R. W. Kennard, M.P. for Newport, Isle of Wight, and grandson of Mr. John

Kennard, of Lombard Street, banker, whose business has developed into the Consolidated Bank. At an early age Mr. Howard Kennard became identified with the iron trade, with which his father had been connected for a long period. He joined the Board of the Falkirk Iron Company, in the management of which he took an active part for many years. During the Crimean War the Falkirk Ironworks were busy day and night turning out shells for the Government, and Mr. Howard Kennard spared neither time nor labour in keeping the output up to the mark required.

He was also Chairman of the Blaenavon Iron Company and a Director of the Great Eastern Railway Company. He was elected to the joint chairmanship, with Mr. J. T. Smith of Barrow, of the Rail Makers' Association, a combination of the leading iron and steel manufacturers of Great Britain formed for the purpose of regulating the rail trade. On the dissolution of that body he received an embossed shield as a mark of the esteem of his colleagues. In 1891 he was elected President of the Royal Metal Trades' Pension Society, which had been founded by his father in 1843. During the greater part of its existence he had taken much interest in the welfare of that body and on the occasion of its jubilee in 1893 he was most active in enlarging and extending the usefulness of the Society. So energetically did he go about to obtain subscriptions that he was called "The Beggar-General of the Trade," a designation which he by no means disliked.

Mr. Howard Kennard died at the Orleans Club, Brighton, after a short illness, on the 8th of August, 1896. In addition to his business in the iron world, he was connected with the London Stereoscopic Company, which he and his cousin, the late Mr. Alderman Nottage, jointly established. He was a Past Master of the Carpenters' Company, a Justice of the Peace for Stirlingshire and one of Her Majesty's Lieutenants of the City of London. As an employer of labour he was extremely popular. He could never bring himself to believe that his responsibility to his workmen ended with the payment of wages. He felt that the moral, social and intellectual interests of the people gathered together by the establishment of large undertakings, such as the Falkirk and the Blaenavon Ironworks, should not be ignored by their employers, and he lent willing aid to every institution promoted for the welfare of the workmen and their families. Mr. Howard Kennard was elected an Associate on the 13th of January, 1857.

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