

tion in Sweden. For many years previous to his death, however, Mr. Wall had not engaged in the active pursuit of the profession.

He had made a special study of the science of geology and was a Fellow of the Geological Society.

Mr. Wall was elected a Member of the Institution on the 2nd May, 1865.

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CHARLES EDMUND WEBBER, C.B., MAJOR-GENERAL R.E. retired, died at Margate on the 23rd September, 1904, at the age of 66. Born in Ireland on the 5th September, 1838, he entered the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich in 1853, and 2 years later received a commission as lieutenant in the Corps of Royal Engineers. After receiving further instruction in the military art at Chatham, he returned to Ireland, where he was occupied on the construction of barracks at Lough Swilly. Proceeding thence to India, in the troublous times of the Mutiny, he served 2 years with the colours, taking an active part in many engagements. In 1861, shortly after his return to England, he was appointed Instructor in Surveying and Topography at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. During the Austro-Prussian war of 1866 he was despatched to the front to report to the British military authorities on the engineering and telegraphic operations. Attaining the rank of captain in 1867, he was employed for 3 years chiefly on military duty at home.

In 1870 Captain Webber's services were placed at the disposal of the Postmaster-General, who appointed him Divisional Engineer in command of the Royal Engineers employed in the Postal Telegraph Service. His past experience and training in the field here stood him in good stead, and his appointment was amply justified by the able and resourceful manner in which he carried out his task. His qualities as an organizer were exceptional, and in training over 300 non-commissioned officers and men in the work of telegraphy, he rendered a very valuable public service.

His work for the Post Office was completed in 1879, and subsequently he took part in three military expeditions, first to South Africa in 1879, when the first Boer War broke out, and afterwards to Egypt in 1882 and again in 1884, when he was Director of Army Telegraphs. In 1885 he retired from the service

with the honorary rank of Major-General. During the course of his military career, Major-General Webber received three medals with clasps and was mentioned several times in despatches. For his services in Egypt he was made a Companion of the Bath, and was also decorated with the Order of the Medjidieh.

Major-General Webber, while still in the public service, undertook for a time the engineering management of the Bell Telephone Company and of the United Bell and Edison Telephone Company, of which he became a Director. After his retirement he engaged in private practice and became Consulting Engineer to the City of London Pioneer Electric Light Company, the Chelsea Electricity Supply Company, the Anglo-American Brush Electric Light Corporation, and other companies. Of the Brush Company and the Chelsea Supply Company he was also a Director.

Major-General Webber was one of the founders of the Society of Telegraph Engineers, now the Institution of Electrical Engineers, of which he was afterwards elected President. He was also a Member of the British Association, and of the Royal United Service Institution and a Fellow of the Society of Arts, and made many valuable contributions to the proceedings of those bodies.

He was elected an Associate Member of this Institution on the 9th January, 1872, and was transferred to the class of Members on the 1st December, 1891.

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PATRICK JOSEPH CORBETT was born in Ireland on the 18th March, 1870. After completing his professional studies at the Royal Indian Engineering College, Coopers Hill, he received an appointment in the Bombay Public Works Department, and proceeded to India in 1892 to take up his duties as an Assistant Engineer. For several years Mr. Corbett was occupied chiefly on irrigation works at Surat, Satara, Karachi and other places. In 1897 he was placed in charge of famine-relief works, and during 1898 and the following year acted as Executive Engineer and Conservator in the Indus River District. In 1902 he came home on furlough, and on his return to India in the following year he reverted to the substantive appointment of Executive Engineer on the Karachi Canals. In 1904 Mr. Corbett was appointed Under Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department at