

OBITUARY.

The Right Hon. RICHARD EVERARD WEBSTER, VISCOUNT ALVERSTONE, G.C.M.G., P.C., LL.D. (*Cantab.*), late Lord Chief Justice of England, died at Cranleigh, Surrey, on the 15th December, 1915. Born on the 22nd December, 1842, he was the second son of the late Mr. Thomas Webster, Q.C., who was the first Secretary and subsequently Honorary Secretary of The Institution, with which both father and son were thus identified. Richard Webster was educated at King's College, London, and Charterhouse, and at Trinity College, Cambridge. Taking his degree in 1865, he was called to the Bar in Lincoln's Inn in 1868, and ten years later was made Queen's Counsel. From the earliest years of his distinguished career at the Bar, he became intimately associated with the Parliamentary and legal side of engineering enterprise, particularly in railway matters, and his thorough grasp of the principles of mechanical science and keen interest in their practical applications, an aptitude inherited from his father, rendered his work in this field especially notable. He entered Parliament in 1885, and immediately afterwards became Attorney-General. In October, 1900, after serving a few months as Master of the Rolls, he became Lord Chief Justice in succession to Lord Russell of Killowen. He served his country in many important commissions, including the Behring Sea arbitration, the Venezuela dispute, and the Alaska Boundary Commission; was made a G.C.M.G. in 1893, a baronet in 1899, and was raised to the peerage in the following year. On his retirement, he was created a Viscount. Despite many and onerous preoccupations, Lord Alverstone retained to the last his interest in the work of The Institution, and was a frequent speaker at its annual dinners. He was elected an Associate on the 4th December, 1883; and on the 5th March, 1901, he was elected an Honorary Member, "because, during his distinguished career at the Bar, he has gained the respect and esteem of the members of this Institution, the best interests of which, during his long attachment to it as an Associate, have uniformly received his support."

Field-Marshal The Right Hon. EARL KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM, K.G., K.P., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., D.C.L. (*Oxon.*), LL.D. (*Cantab.*), whose tragic death, in the destruction of H.M.S. "Hampshire" off the Orkneys on the 5th June, 1916, was a national loss, exemplified pre-eminently in his career the