

of a Past-President, he was a not unfrequent attendant at the Meetings.

In spite of somewhat declining health, Mr. Walker continued to exercise his profession up to the period of his decease, and to the very last he retained his vigorous and shrewd intellect. He was eminently a man of business, and he had, at least, as much skill "in the engineering of men as of matter."

It has been correctly stated, that "his works were remarkable for their solidity and permanency, and not less for their utility, as having a material share in aiding the commercial progress of this country in the present century, during sixty years of which he had been in the active exercise of his noble profession."

He died on the 8th of October, 1862, and was interred, by his own desire, in his family vault, at St. John's episcopal burial-ground, at Edinburgh.

MR. WILLIAM WEALLENS was the descendant of a German family, who emigrated many years ago and settled in the North of England, in connection with some proposed steel works. Subsequently his immediate parents devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits, and his father, John Weallens, held a farm, called the East Houses, at North Dissington. His mother was the daughter of the Rev. John Furness, of Ponteland, where William Weallens was born, on the 8th of March, 1823. He received his education under Dr. Cowan, of the Grange, Bishopwearmouth, and having exhibited a talent for mechanical pursuits, he was apprenticed to Messrs. Robert Stephenson and Co., on the 3rd of September, 1838, and became the pupil of his stepfather, who took much pains with his professional education. His mother, who was early left a widow, with two sons and a daughter, married Mr. Hutchinson, who subsequently, as a reward for his faithful and efficient services, was admitted to a partnership in the celebrated firm of Messrs. Robert Stephenson and Co., of whose works he was the acting manager.

On the decease of Mr. Hutchinson, in 1853, the direction of the mechanical department of the works was intrusted to Mr. Weallens, and eventually, in January 1855, he was presented with a partnership in the firm, to whose concerns he devoted himself for some years with great energy. He was a very good mechanic, had clear judgment, and was fertile in resources. His temper was peculiarly amiable, and he endeared himself to the workmen and those with whom he came in contact by the gentleness of his disposition. These qualities were especially appreciated by the late Mr. Robert Stephenson, with whom he was a great favourite, and they were also recognized by his fellow-townsmen, who elected him a member of the Town Council. He took an active part in the Volunteer movement, commanded

a company composed of men belonging to the works, and his example contributed essentially to the present state of efficiency of the corps. He joined the Institution of Civil Engineers, as a Member, in the year 1857, and was a Member of the Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, of Birmingham.

His decease occurred almost suddenly, and in an unexpected manner. It had been the custom for him to make an annual visit to the Continent, generally with his friend Mr. Charles Manby. When the usual period for the journey approached, although they had both been somewhat indisposed, they did not see any reason for postponing their departure, but they travelled more leisurely than usual as far as Turin, where Mr. Weallens' state caused his companion so much uneasiness that he called in medical advice; but he was assured that the journey further south could be undertaken with safety, and probably even with benefit to the invalid. On arriving at Genoa, on consulting a physician of eminence, it was, however, thought desirable to return home, and Mr. Weallens was taken to Marseilles by sea, and thence, in a bed-carriage on the railway, to Paris, which was reached with comparatively little fatigue at seven o'clock on the evening of Saturday, the 1st of November, 1862. The best medical advice was immediately sought, but a sudden change occurred, and in spite of the most skilful treatment, the patient sunk rapidly, and expired at two o'clock on the morning of Sunday the 2nd of November, 1862. So tranquil was his end that the actual moment of his decease was only perceived from the inability to swallow the liquid which was administered to him in spoonful at very short intervals, by Mr. Manby, who from the commencement of the serious attack had not left him, day or night.

His remains were brought to England, and were interred in the family vault at Ponteland, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, the 8th of November, 1862, when a well-deserved tribute of respect was paid to his memory by the attendance of his partners, a large number of his fellow-townsmen, the workmen from the factory, and a large body of Volunteers under arms, all anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of a man who had been so deservedly beloved and esteemed, and who, at the early age of 40 years, had been removed so suddenly from amidst a large circle of friends. A mural tablet was subsequently erected to his memory in the church at Ponteland, by a few of his attached friends.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN FRASER LODDINGTON
BADDELEY, Royal Artillery, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour,
and of the Order of Medjidie, &c., was the sixth child of the late
Major John Baddeley, Superintendent-General of the Barracks