

interests of the country. Sir William Jackson was a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant for the county of Chester. In politics he was a consistent and hearty Liberal, of what was in his day considered rather an advanced type. But his political temperament was always controlled by good common sense, and he was a thoroughly trusted party man. He did not often speak in Parliament, but when addressing the House was always, notwithstanding some provincialisms which he retained to the last, listened to with attention.

Sir William Jackson was elected an Associate on the 7th of December, 1852.

MR. ELIHU HENRY OLIVER was born on the 8th of November, 1839, at Newcastle-on-Tyne. His early education was pursued at the school of the Society of Friends at Ackworth, Yorkshire. In June 1858 he was articled for five years to Mr. Matthew Liddell, to learn the profession of a Mining Engineer, and he availed himself of the opportunities thus enjoyed. After leaving Mr. Liddell he went to China, and arrived at Shanghai in November 1864, accepting a situation at once as an assistant to Mr. F. H. Knevitt, an architect there. In August 1865 he was appointed Assistant Engineer under the late Mr. John Clark, M. Inst. C.E., at that time Engineer to the Shanghai Municipal Council; in February 1866 he became Surveyor to the Council, and in November 1868 Engineer, which post he held till his death. In these latter positions he had sole charge of the engineering works in the foreign settlements (excepting the French), the population of which in 1875 was seventy thousand, of whom, however, only about three thousand were foreigners, not including the shipping. He carried out successfully the main-drainage scheme of the settlements, which was difficult owing to the flat and low nature of the ground; and although necessarily expensive, the sanitary improvement of the town has since been very marked. He designed and erected several iron and wooden bridges, landing-stages with floating pontoons, buildings, &c., and formed and made several important roads in the town and its vicinity. But, possibly, the greatest improvement was filling up a large portion of the foreshore of the Shanghai Bund, and converting it into a public garden, which he laid out with great taste. The new wooden "Garden Bridge," across the Soochow Creek, built from his designs, was formally

opened to the public in August 1874, and is well spoken of. He also designed, as his contribution, the Seamen's Church at Shanghai, a simple, appropriate, and pretty building, opened in 1864, of which a drawing appeared in the "Illustrated London News" at the time. In 1872 he drew up three schemes for the supply of water to the district under his charge, but although these met with general approval from the ratepayers, the estimated cost was considered to be too great for so young a settlement. Early, however, in 1875 the water-supply question was again agitated, and, following out suggestions then made, an amended scheme, on a smaller scale, was prepared, which has been favourably reported upon by Mr. Hawksley, Past-President Inst. C.E. The quantity of water proposed to be supplied is 1,000,000 gallons per day, at an estimated cost of upwards of £100,000.

Although the post of Engineer to the Municipality of Shanghai may not afford much scope for professional ability, yet Mr. Oliver carried out what he had to do so well that he earned for himself a good name. Straightforward and a thorough man of business, he was much respected, and in him the municipality lost an energetic and a capable servant, to whom the foreign community in particular were much indebted. In private life he was esteemed for his open-handed generosity, his liberal hospitality, and his unaffected good nature—qualities which made him a valued friend and a trusted adviser. Mr. Oliver was elected an Associate on the 6th of February, 1872, and he died at Shanghai on the 16th of January, 1876.

MR. GEORGE POTHECARY was born on the 1st of October, 1841, at Munslow, Salop, where his father practised as a surgeon for nearly twenty years. In the year 1852, on his father removing to the South of England, he was sent to Sherborne Grammar School, entering the house of the head master, the Rev. H. D. Harper, where his amiable disposition rendered him a general favourite with his companions, and secured him the esteem of the masters. On leaving school he chose the profession of a Civil Engineer, and was articled, in 1859, for three years to Mr. W. Humber, Assoc. Inst. C.E. At the expiration of his pupilage, failing to secure employment in London, he entered a college at Chester to prepare for a competitive examination for an appointment in the Indian Public Works Department, which he passed in
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