

sustained the loss of one of its ablest, most diligent, and most useful officers; one, moreover, whose name will for all time be associated with one of the greatest and most efficient enterprises ever yet undertaken by a colonial municipality."

Mr. Wicksteed was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 5th of December, 1876, and he had previously been a Student.

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MR. EDWARD BENTINCK WILLIAMS, the second son of the late Rev. Preston John Williams, Vicar of Godmanchester, Hunts, was born at Southampton, on the 19th of August, 1847. He was educated at the Grammar School, Huntingdon, and in August, 1863, became a pupil in the office of Mr. R. A. Marillier, M. Inst. C.E., Resident Engineer to the Hull Dock Company, to whom, after the expiration of his apprenticeship, he was appointed assistant, which position he held up to the time of his death.

He was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 3rd of December, 1872, and died at Hull, of erysipelas, on the 9th of November, 1881, after an illness of five weeks.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSTONE, R.E.,<sup>1</sup> illustrated in a short but promising career the sad fate that too often overtakes the zealous English officer when on active service in a tropical climate. He was the eldest son of the Rev. W. H. Johnstone, Vicar of Bearden, Essex, formerly Chaplain and Mathematical Professor at the Royal Indian Military College, Addiscombe, and was born at Croydon, on the 27th of September, 1846. He was entirely educated by his father, up to the time of his passing into the Military College at Woolwich, in 1865. On the 10th of July, 1867, he was gazetted Lieutenant in the Corps of Royal Engineers, and joined the School of Military Engineering at Chatham. Having volunteered for active service in India with a view to employment in the Public Works Department, Lieut. Johnstone, in November 1869, joined the Bengal Sappers and Miners, at Chakrata, in the Himalayas. Here he held command of a company of native sappers for some months, and, under the Public Works Department, repaired the Chakrata and Mahona Canal,

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<sup>1</sup> Much of this memoir is derived from one by Major H. Wilberforce Clarke, R.E., in the Royal Engineer Journal, Oct. 1, 1881.