

GEORGE NAYLOR VICKERS was born on the 14th of November, 1830. He received the ordinary classical education of the day; his technical studies being chiefly confined to metallurgical chemistry, in which he became extremely proficient.

He became a partner in the firm of Naylor Vickers and Co. in 1853, and when the business was merged into that of Vickers, Sons and Co., Limited, he became a Director of the latter Company, and continued to be so up to the time of his death, which took place in Paris on the 20th of January, 1889.

As he chiefly resided abroad, his attention was more devoted to the commercial interests of the Company (for which his extensive knowledge of European languages peculiarly fitted him) than to the technical management of the works.

He was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 23rd of May, 1865.

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CAPTAIN HARRY BORLASE WILLOCK, R.E., the only son of Mr. William Borlase Willock, of Fairfield, Tenby, was born on the 6th of March, 1854. He was educated at Cheltenham College, where he gained the Junior Scholarship in 1868, and in the following year the Senior Scholarship.

From Cheltenham he passed into the Royal Military Academy, at the age of seventeen. On obtaining a commission in the Royal Engineers as Lieutenant, in 1872, he proceeded to the School of Military Engineering at Chatham, where he soon made himself a name for his peculiar aptitude for details of railway work.

In 1876 he went to Bermuda, where he served with the 10th Company, Royal Engineers, and was employed in connection with the works for the defence of the New Dockyard and Naval Anchorage. After serving there nearly two years, he obtained leave for the benefit of his health, he having been offered a passage home in H.M.S. "Eurydice." Fortunately he did not avail himself of this privilege, and thus was saved the fate which befel all the crew of that unfortunate vessel which sank off the Isle of Wight, in 1878.

Returning from Bermuda, Lieutenant Willock joined the 2nd Company, Royal Engineers, at Shorncliffe, and proceeded with it to South Africa in December 1878. There he served in the earlier part of the Zulu War with Colonel (now Major-General) Sir C. K. Pearson's column, and was present in the action at Inyezane, on the 22nd of January, and throughout the occupation of Etshowe. He was mentioned in despatches, *London Gazette*, 16th of May, 1879, and received the medal and clasp.