

## OBITUARY

JOSEPH NEWELL REESON, who died at Melbourne, Australia, on the 15th July, 1953, was born on the 2nd June, 1868.

He received his early education at Kensington Grammar School and, as a young man, joined the staff of the Gas Light and Coke Co. at their Beckton works, continuing his education at the City of London College. He became in turn Engineer to the St Pancras works, in 1903, and to the Shoreditch works, in 1905, and was in 1906 appointed Resident Engineer of the Beckton works of the Gas Light and Coke Co.

In 1913, he went to Australia to take up the position of Engineer-in-Chief and Technical Adviser to the Metropolitan Gas Co. of Melbourne, and continued there until 1926. During this time he introduced electric welding into the construction and maintenance of gas-works plant, and by erecting constructional workshops made the company self-contained. In 1916, he represented the Government of New South Wales in the matter of the resumption by the Sydney Harbour Board of the Gas Light Company's Kent Street works.

Mr Reeson was elected an Associate Member in 1894, and was transferred to the class of Member in 1914. He was a Member of Council from 1939 to 1942, as the representative of Australia. He was also a Member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, and of the Institution of Gas Engineers. Mr Reeson was one of the founders of the Allied Societies Trust, formed to provide a common home for some of the scientific societies of Victoria, and was chairman of the directors of the Trust from its inception until a year or two before his death.

In 1926, he was awarded a Telford Premium by the Council of the Institution for his Paper on "The Influence of Electric Welding in the Design and Fabrication of Plant and Structures."<sup>1</sup> He was also one of the first recipients of the Kernot Memorial Medal, awarded by the University of Melbourne, in 1929, for research into electric welding.

SIR BERNARD D'OLIER DARLEY, C.I.E., who died at Hindhead, Surrey, on the 11th August, 1953, was born on the 24th August, 1880. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and at the Royal Indian Engineering College, at Cooper's Hill, Surrey.

In 1903, he was appointed Assistant Engineer to the Irrigation Branch of the Public Works Department in the United Provinces, India. Between 1909 and 1919, as Executive Engineer, he surveyed, designed, and built the Mirzapur canal systems.

<sup>1</sup> Min. Proc. Instn Civ. Engrs, vol. 222, p. 158 (1925-26, Pt 2).