

mentioned in despatches, received the brevets of major and lieutenant-colonel, a medal and two clasps; and after obtaining his lieutenant-colonelcy in 1865, he commanded the 2nd battalion of the King's—a post which he retained for nine years at Malta and in various home quarters. In 1876 he was nominated to the command of the 13th and 14th Brigade Depôts, retiring finally in 1878. He was gazetted C.B. on 2nd June 1877, and 24th March 1880 was appointed honorary colonel of the 15th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers.

After his retirement he lived chiefly in Edinburgh, and subsequently died at Liverpool, on 2nd December 1884, of a disease of an incurable and most painful nature, borne with singular patience and cheerfulness. Robertson was a man of much thoughtfulness, as well as a zealous soldier, and wrote with great independence on the following subjects:—Infantry; the tactics of the three arms; on the first three parts of the field exercises and evolutions of the army, and on some of the resemblances and differences between them and the corresponding part of the French ordnance, &c.; on the means of applying the principle of stimulating the voluntary exertions of individuals to the improvement of the system of military training; and a variety of other subjects connected with his profession. Besides which, he devoted his leisure for some years to a verse translation of “*Jerusalem Delivered*.” In later years he re-edited the *Historical Record of the King's Regiment*. Robertson was therefore a man whom we may well be proud to reckon among our Fellows.

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AUGUSTUS JOHN DARLING CAMERON. By T. Stevenson,  
P.R.S.A.

Augustus John Darling Cameron, the only son of the late John Cameron of Edinburgh, was born in October 1841, and was educated at the High School and University there. In 1860 he began an apprenticeship as a civil engineer with the late Mr John Paterson. He was subsequently in the employment of Messrs Foreman and McCall, Glasgow, and Messrs Wylie & Peddie, and was engaged on railway and other works. He held an appointment of engineer in

the India Office for several years, after which he was engineer to the South London Tramways Company, and under his superintendence the various lines of that company were constructed. He died on 27th November 1884. He was elected a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1880, and a Fellow of this Society on 6th June 1881.

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JOHN M'NAIR. By T. Stevenson, *P.R.S.A.*

John M'Nair was for nearly twenty years a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He took a lively interest in physical subjects, but owing to his advanced age, and the latterly feeble state of his health, was prevented from attending our meetings very regularly. He was born at Belvidere, near Glasgow, in 1801, and died at Edinburgh in his eighty-fifth year.

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WILLIAM LINDSAY ALEXANDER. By Professor Flint.

William Lindsay Alexander was born at Leith on 24th August 1808. He was educated at the High School of his native town and in the Universities of Edinburgh and St Andrews. He distinguished himself in all his classes, but especially in those of Latin, Greek, Logic, and Moral Philosophy. While at St Andrews his earlier religious impressions were much deepened by intercourse with a pious fellow-student, and through the inspiring influence of Dr Chalmers. Although he began preaching when still a student of Arts, it was not until 1832, five years after he had left college, that he made choice of the Christian ministry as his profession. Teaching, literature, law, medicine, all presented themselves to him with competing claims. During the greater portion of this period of indecision and unsettlement he was occupied as classical tutor in the Congregational Academy at Blackburn. Passing through Liverpool in 1832, he was persuaded to occupy for a Sunday the pulpit of Newington Street Independent Chapel, then vacant. The result was that he remained in charge of the congregation for a