

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