

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL.

17TH FEBRUARY 1921.

The Relatives of some of the Fallen with members of The Institution, numbering about 60, having assembled in the Meeting Hall of The Institution, Storey's Gate, London, on Thursday, 17th February 1921, at 5.0 o'clock p.m., the Order of Ceremony proceeded as follows :—

The Lord's Prayer was said by the Assembly, standing, followed by the Hymn "O God, our Help in ages past."

The PRESIDENT, Captain H. Riall Sankey, C.B., C.B.E., R.E., ret., then delivered a short Address, as follows :—

MY LORD BISHOP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We are met this afternoon on a very solemn occasion to unveil a Memorial to the memory of those members of our Institution who gave up their lives for their Country during the Great War. I feel it is a great honour and privilege to be able to address, as President of The Institution, a few words to their relatives and friends. Let us hope that the first acute feeling of loss has been lessened, and merged into a feeling of pride that theirs was the most glorious death that any man can die—to die for his Country. This Institution desires me to extend to the relatives and their friends its deepest sympathy.

The members of The Institution were quick to respond to the call of arms in 1914, and 1,400 of all grades joined the ranks of His Majesty's Forces. There can be no doubt that the education and training they received in order to fit them to be members of this Institution, and the experience they subsequently gained as members, were of the utmost use in helping them to carry out the various duties with which they were entrusted, and in no small measure assisted to lead to final victory. Eighty-seven of our members and one member of the staff made the Supreme Sacrifice, and they would not have had it otherwise. They were fighting for the right, and the right prevailed. Nevertheless, had we lost, our profound debt of gratitude and the honour and esteem in which we hold their names would have been the same.

I would like to have been able to say something about all those whose names appear on the Memorial Tablet, but time will obviously not permit. I will, therefore, only refer to a few.

First, Sir Frederick Donaldson : he was President of this Institution for two years in 1913 and 1914 ; he occupied many important posts during his long and strenuous career, the last of which was as a Member of the Staff of Lord Kitchener on the mission to Russia. He lost his life in the sinking of H.M.S. "Hampshire" on 5th June 1916. We on the Council had the greatest respect, admiration, and affection for Sir Frederick, and his death was a serious loss to us.

Leslie Stephen Robertson accompanied Sir Frederick and lost his life on the same occasion. He was a well-known Engineer, and left many friends to mourn his loss. His work as Secretary of The Engineering Standards Committee was of the greatest importance. It was very near his heart, and it is a work which has been of the utmost value to the Engineering profession in this country.

Professor Bertram Hopkinson was also a well-known Engineer and an authority on all matters connected with Internal-Combustion Engines. He was Principal of the Engineering Laboratories at Cambridge, which were founded in memory of his father, Dr. John Hopkinson. He joined the Air Force and was killed whilst flying.

The other names we must pass over in silence, but we may be sure that had they been spared they would have made a success of their profession, and many would have risen to eminence. Nevertheless their death was of greater value to the country, and we can be quite sure that they and others have prevented this country—this British Empire of ours—from being under the domination of Germany. Let us do homage to our Glorious Dead.

The Assembly, having adjourned to the Entrance Hall, Prayer was offered by the DEAN OF WESTMINSTER (The Right Rev. Bishop Ryle, K.C.V.O., D.D.), and the PRESIDENT unveiled the Memorial Tablet, after which the Dean dedicated the Memorial and pronounced the Blessing.

The Hymn "The Saints of God! their conflict past" was then sung, followed by the "Last Post" sounded by Buglers, which concluded the Ceremony.

The Inscription on the Memorial is as follows :—

OUR GLORIOUS DEAD

1914-1919.

ADAMS, DUDLEY
ANDREWS, G. L.
ANDREWS, H. G.
ARMSTRONG, P. T.
ARMSTRONG, W. K.
BARNES, E. E.
BARRETT, E. B.
BARSTOW, M. W.
BRUCE, A. C. A.
BUCKTON, A. S.
BUMPUS, B. E.
BUSK, E. T.
CABLE, G. P.
CASSON, WILLIAM
CORFE, A. W.
COUSIN, A. N.
CRICHTON, J. A.
CROFTON, E. V. M.
CUNNINGHAM, F. L.
DAVIDSON, J. S.
DEAKIN, G. W.
DOMLEO, R. F.
DONALDSON, H. F.
DOUGLASS, P. C. D.
DRUITT, C. L.
ELLIS, H. D.

GILBERT, DAVID
GOODEVE, T. E.
GORDON, VIVIAN
GORT, A. H.
GRIFFITHS, R. S.
GRIMWOOD, B. C. R.
HAILE, EDWARD
HALL, G. S.
HALL, W. B.
HANDCOCK, R. H.
HARRIS, L. A. P.
HARRISON, D. R. D.
HARVEY, W. C.
HATTON, R. A.
HEWSON, C. L. B.
HOLLINGSWORTH, FREDK
HOPKINSON, BERTRAM
HOWARTH, JOHN
INCHLEY, WILLIAM
JAMES, W. D.
JOHNSTON, A. D.
KENNEDY, CHARLES
KEYMS, T. B.
LANGDON, D. E.
LILEY, H. D.
MACAULAY, M. S.

MCGROARTY, R. D.	SHIRLEY, F. L.
McNAUGHTON, R. M. C.	SPINK, R. J.
MANISTY, H. S.	STEPHENS, H. G.
MANNING, G. A.	TAYLOR, C. G.
MAUNSELL, R. G. F.	TEBBUTT, O. N.
NEILSON, A. M.	THOMAS, J. V.
NORTHCOTT, H. H. M.	THORNE, G. S.
OKEY, W. E.	TREMEARNE, W. C.
PARSONS, B. F.	VANDELL, H. I.
POYNTING, ARTHUR	VENNING, T. A.
REED, F. H.	VYALL, L. E.
REYNOLDS, W. A.	WALKER, R. H.
ROBB, H. B.	WELSH, A. R.
ROBERTSON, L. S.	WILKINS, F. T.
ROBERTSON, R. S.	WILSON, JOHN
ST. LEGIER, A. S. DE	WILSON, L. H.
SCHNEIDER, H. H.	WORSSAM, L. H.
SCOTCHER, W. G.	<i>Staff</i> : NEWTON, EDWARD

A photograph of the Memorial will be found on Plate 12.

*Unveiled and Dedicated
17th February, 1921.*

