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time at Werfa. He had something nearly approaching to genius in matters of mechanics and engineering, as he proved abundantly by his many inventions and in his valuable controversy with Sir John Rennie. But, for all that, his great success in life was the direct outcome of his strong character. Those qualities in him which were essentially moral, helped him not less than his acute intellect. He was cautious in forming judgments, but when formed they were far-seeing, and he followed them with unswerving courage. His schemes were conceived on the grand scale; they were carried out with indomitable energy and perseverance. "Fairness and firmness" was the abiding principle of his life; and in building his own fortunes he brought prosperity to many thousands of human beings. I thank Sir William Lewis, Mr. Nixon's life-long friend, and Mrs. Nixon, his sorrowing widow, for entrusting to me a very pleasant, if a very responsible, duty.

J. E. VINCENT.

CHELSEA, *October 1899.*

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