

CAPT. ALFRED CARPENTER, R.N., D.S.O.—Capt. Carpenter was the son of Commander Charles Carpenter, R.N., and was born at Brighton on August 2, 1847, and entered the Royal Navy in 1861 from Brighton College. He became lieutenant in 1870 and was appointed to H.M.S. *Challenger* when she was sent on her voyage of ocean survey. When on the *Challenger* he was awarded the Albert Medal of the Second Class and the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society for the gallant attempt at rescue of a bluejacket, on January 31, 1876, when he fell overboard in five fathoms of water into a choppy sea in a boisterous night. Capt. Carpenter served in command of the *Myrmidon* in the naval operations of the Eastern Sudan in 1884, and subsequently, until 1889, he was in charge of the Marine Survey of India. It was at this time, as he was piloting the flotilla, during the Burmese War, to Mandalay and Bhamo, under fire, that he was given the D.S.O. (being the first naval officer to be so honoured) and the thanks of the Government of India.

He became a Member of the Association on February 28, 1900, his sponsors being Mr. H. Keatley Moore and Prof. Carlton Lambert, and contributed many papers; that which will live most vividly in the memories of his hearers was that given at the Conversation Meeting held on May 1, 1918, when he gave an account of how his gallant son, the Captain of the *Vindictive*, navigated so as to make the Mole in the naval raid on Zeebrugge

of St. George's Day, 1918 (see *Journal*, 28, p. 174). This account was supplemented a year later (see *Journal*, 29, p. 125) by a further note in which he pointed out that "the *Vindictive's* time of arrival at the Mole was officially reported to be only one minute late after a voyage of over 100 miles."

He served for several years on the Council of the Association, but retired, on account of his failing health, some three or four years before his death, which took place at the Red House, Sanderstead, on April 30, 1925.