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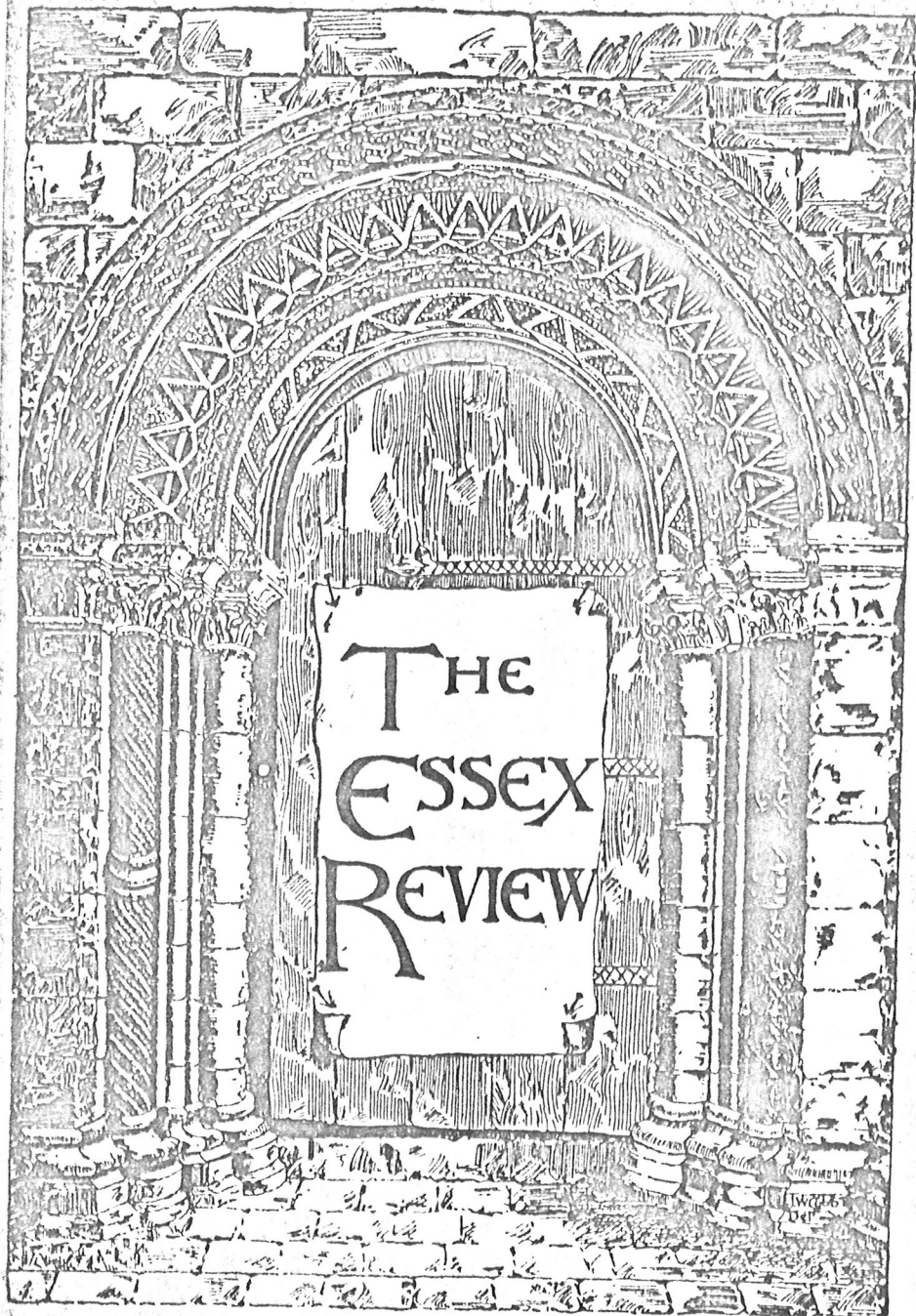
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Waltham Abbey.—The following list of the succession of Chief Officers of the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey, has been kindly forwarded me by the present superintendent, Major Sir F. L. Nathan, R.A., and seems not without interest to readers of the *Essex Review*, dating back as it does for 120 years.—MILLER CHRISTY, Chignal.

Name.	Designation.	Period as Chief Officer.	
		From.	To.
Mr. JAMES WRIGHT (1)	Storekeeper	1787	1805
Mr. H. S. MATTHEWS	Storekeeper	6-4-1805	1818
Mr. E. MIDDLETON	Storekeeper	20-1-1818	17-6 ⁺ -1825
Mr. C. WILKS	Storekeeper	29-6-1825	14-10-1831
Mr. JAMES WRIGHT (2)	Deputy Storekeeper	15-10-1831	1832
Lieut.-Colonel C. T. MOODY, C.R.E. ..	"In charge of the Royal Gunpowder Manufactory" ..	13-10-1833	1-7-1840
Lieut.-Colonel C. T. MOODY, C.R.E. ..	Inspector of Gunpowder ..	2-7-1840	1845
Captain A. T. TULLOH, R.A.	Inspector of Gunpowder ..	27-11-1845	6-1852
Major C. C. DICERSON, R.A.	Inspector of Gunpowder ..	6-1852	2-1854
Captain W. HENDERSON, R.A.	Acting Inspector of Gunpowder	2-1854	3-1854
Colonel W. H. ASKWITH, R.A.	Acting Inspector of Gunpowder	4-1854	1855
Colonel W. H. ASKWITH, R.A.	Superintendent	18-8-1855	26-2-1868
Colonel C. W. YOUNGHUSBAND, R.A. ..	Superintendent	27-2-1868	31-3-1875
Lieut.-Colonel YOUNG, R.A.	Superintendent	1-4-1875	25-5 ⁺ -1875
Captain MORGAN, R.A.	Acting Superintendent.....	26-5-1875	28-6-1875
Colonel R. J. HAY	Superintendent	29-6-1875	30-6-1880
Colonel C. B. BRACKENBURY, R.A.	Superintendent	1-7-1880	30-6-1885
Major-General W. H. NOBLE.....	Superintendent	1-7-1885	17-5 ⁺ -1892
Major F. W. J. BARKER, R.A.	Acting Superintendent.....	1-4 ⁺ -1892	30-9-1892
Lieut.-Colonel W. MCCLINTOCK, R.A....	Superintendent	1-10-1892	13-7-1894
Major F. L. NATHAN, R.A.	Acting Superintendent.....	31-5-1894	26-7-1894
Colonel J. B. ORMSBY	Superintendent	27-7-1894	20-1-1900
Major Sir F. L. NATHAN, R.A.	Superintendent	21-1-1900	

*Date of Death.

†Appointed during General Noble's illness.

Willow Trees in Essex.—The following note from the *Scotsman* of September 7 has been forwarded us by a reader, and seems of considerable interest to our land-owners and farmers. The partiality of the tree is still further shown, we believe, in the county itself, where it most inhabits and thrives best in the north-western districts, extending south into the Roothings and the Epping and Ongar Hundred.—Eds.

*The question as to the species or variety of willow tree best adapted for the manufacture of cricket bats, has been engaging