

NORMAN MAUGHAN TAYLOR, the youngest son of Mr. G. Noble Taylor, Chairman of the Madras Railway Company, was born at Simla on the 17th July, 1868, and was educated privately in England and in Germany. In 1888, after two years' training at the Crystal Palace School of Engineering and at the City and Guilds of London Institute, he was for a few months on the Great Southern of Spain Railway. He was then for about a year under Mr. Harold Abernethy¹ on the Runcorn section of the Manchester Ship Canal. In October, 1889, he was sent by Mr. James Livesey to Mexico, where he acted as an Assistant Engineer under Mr. Henry Parkes on the Mexican Southern Railway until its completion in 1893, when he returned to England. In the autumn of the same year he went to India and was employed on the survey of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company's projected line from Rutlam to Agra.

In September, 1895, Mr. Taylor was attacked by pleuro-pneumonia. A long and painful illness followed which he bore with courage and patience. He was brought home from India in the following April in a deplorably weak state and on the 22nd of May, 1896, he died at his father's house in London. He was regarded by those under whom he served as a promising young engineer and his memory is warmly cherished by all who knew him. Mr. Taylor was elected an Associate Member on the 4th of December, 1894.

FREDERICK HOWARD WATSON, B.A., born on the 24th of July, 1863, obtained a Foundation Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated 26th Wrangler in the mathematical tripos of June, 1884. He then attended for two years the lectures of Professor Stuart at the University Engineering Workshops, where he also gained some practical experience. During 1886-87 he studied in the Engineering Laboratory at University College, London, under Dr. Kennedy, and in August of the latter year he was engaged by Messrs. Tancred, Arrol & Co. on the construction of the Forth Bridge. He assisted in the calculations for the temporary staging and appliances for its erection until October, 1888, when illness compelled him to give up work. Mr. Watson died on the 9th of October, 1895. He was of a quiet and studious disposition and a great lover of music. He was elected an Associate Member on the 3rd of December, 1889.

¹ Minutes of Proceedings Inst. C.E., vol. cxxii. p. 363.