

his death. For Lord Ardilaun he carried out a large pumping plant at Ashford, Cong, and other works there and at St. Anne's, Clontarf, Dublin. He was retained by the Corporation of Dublin in connection with the main drainage of that city. He frequently gave evidence before Parliamentary Committees on harbour accommodation, Irish Public Works and other matters.

Mr. Strype died at his residence in Dublin on the 14th March, 1898. To the Institution, of which he was elected an Associate Member on the 14th April, 1882, and transferred to the class of Members on the 1st December, 1885, he presented a Paper on "Wicklow Harbour Improvements."¹ He contributed several Papers to the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland,² and to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Chemical Society.

PERCY THURSBY, the eldest son of the late Rev. M. W. F. Thursby, of Abington Rectory, Northamptonshire, was born on the 4th February, 1851. After being educated at Marlborough College, he was articled to Sir Charles Fox and Sons, for whom subsequently he superintended the construction of the West Lancashire Railway, the Southern Railway of Ireland, and the Hesketh Reclamation Works.

On the completion of those works he was appointed, in 1882, Assistant Engineer on the construction of the Railway and Harbour at Goa of the West of India Portuguese Railway, and resided in India four years. He was subsequently engaged in reporting on or constructing railways in Ireland, Asia Minor and Venezuela; docks in Venezuela; tramways in Montevideo; and in managing silver-mines in the United States of America and in Mexico, and gold-mines in Western Australia.

In April, 1898, Mr. Thursby was appointed Resident Engineer on the Lagos Government Railway, West Africa, but succumbed to the climate on the 24th June following. An able and hard-working engineer, and a man of exceptionally good physique, he had an extensive knowledge of the ways and customs of the inhabitants of many countries; and, being gifted with a retentive memory, his experiences were always worth the hearing.

Mr. Thursby was elected a Member on the 23rd May, 1882.

¹ Minutes of Proceedings Inst. C.E., vol. lxxxvii. p. 114.

² Transactions Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland, vol. ix. p. 67; vol. x. p. 79; vol. xii. p. 152; and vol. xx. p. 250.