

ROBERT STEWART OLIVER, son of Mr. Andrew Oliver, a well-known agriculturist in Stratherrick in his time, was born on the 8th July, 1849. The subject of this notice served an apprenticeship of four years with Mr. William Paterson, engineer and land surveyor, of Inverness. In 1871 he entered the service of the Highland Railway Company, in which he was engaged during the greater part of his life. Under the late Mr. Murdoch Paterson he was employed on the surveys for the Sutherland and Caithness Railway, and acted as Resident Engineer on the construction of that line. He also acted in a similar capacity on the Inverness Waterworks, and surveyed and carried out the Dingwall Waterworks, Caithness Quarry and Dalmore Tramway, and various other works. He remained in the service of the Highland Railway Company until the completion of the Aviemore line, in the carrying out of which important undertaking he had a large share. Mr. Oliver had a happy gift of imparting knowledge to young men, and thus rendered service to many engineers who have since attained some eminence in the profession.

In 1899 Mr. Oliver purchased the estate of Raddery in the Black Isle district of Ross-shire, and was engaged at the time of his death, which took place at 19 Ness Bank, Inverness, on the 14th September, 1900, in effecting extensive improvements on that property, including the building of a new dwelling-house.

Mr. Oliver was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 6th December, 1881.

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THOMAS ELLIS OWEN, born on the 31st December, 1841, was the son of the Rev. J. Owen, Rector of Llaniestyn and Honorary Canon of Bangor. The subject of this notice was appointed to the Public Works Department of the Government of India in 1861, being posted to the Allahabad Division, where he was engaged for some years on important works. In 1867 he was promoted to the rank of Executive Engineer, and in April, 1873, he obtained two years' furlough. On his return in 1875 he was posted to the Northern Bengal State Railway, and for the last five months of that year he officiated as Superintendent of Works of the Nattore Division. He then held charge of various divisions until December, 1878, when he was placed in charge of the office of Superintendent of Works, Northern Bengal Railway. From the beginning of