

vivacity and humour, the many experiences of his life. One of his favourite stories was to relate how the late George Stephenson at one time was his assistant; and having made this statement, it afforded him amusement to observe the questioning look of his hearer. The story is that once at Coventry, when taking some measurements, George Stephenson held the ring at the end of the tape and he the box end, thus securing the measurement at his end of the tape, whilst George Stephenson was only assisting him to obtain it.

Mr. Stevenson was elected a Member of the Institution on the 5th February, 1867. Although his busy life prevented him taking an active part in the proceedings of the Institution, he held it in high appreciation, and impressed upon the younger members of his staff especially the desirability of joining its ranks.

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JAMES PENMAN HUGH WALKER, son of Captain Robert Walker, R.N., was born at Windywalls, near Kelso, on the 7th April, 1834. After being educated at Kelso and Jedburgh, he served a pupilage of five years with the late Mr. John Murray. On the expiration of his pupilage he was employed under Mr. Murray from 1856 to 1858 as an assistant on the North Graving Dock and other works connected with the Sunderland Docks. In August of the latter year he was appointed an Assistant Engineer on the Great South of India Railway, which post he held until the autumn of 1862, when he entered the service of the East Indian Irrigation and Canal Company as an Executive Engineer on the weirs, canals and other undertakings connected with its irrigation works at Orissa. When the Company's works were taken over by the Public Works Department of the Government of India in 1869, his services were retained; and he subsequently became Superintending Engineer of the Orissa and the Sone Irrigation Circles.

Mr. Walker resigned his appointment in the Public Works Department, on account of ill health, in 1879, and from that time lived in retirement in England. He died at Sutton, Surrey, on the 11th January, 1902.

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