

Sultan conferred on him the Medjidieh of the Fourth Class. During the last ten years Mr. Ponsford lived at Cairo, and at the time of his death, which took place on the 2nd January, 1902, he was engaged in maturing a scheme for irrigating a considerable tract of land a little distance from Cairo. He left a widow, the sister of General Sir Edward Zohrab Pasha, Egyptian Under-Secretary for War, two sons, and a daughter.

Mr. Ponsford was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 2nd December, 1879.

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CHARLES LOUIS NAPOLEON WILSON, born in Blackburn on the 28th August, 1865, served his pupilage in the office of the Borough Engineer of Bacup. After remaining in the office for five years as an Assistant, he was appointed Town Surveyor of Bilston in 1891. During the ten years he held that post he carried out several works for the improvement of the town, including the erection of technical schools, baths and other buildings. In the autumn of 1901 he tendered his resignation to the Bilston Council and proceeded to South Africa, where he died on the 15th November at Chinde from enteric fever contracted on the voyage.

Mr. Wilson was the author of a book entitled "Seven Years in a Black Country Town." He was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 6th December, 1892.

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ROBERT GEORGE YOUNG, Resident Engineer of the London County Asylum, Colney Hatch, died on the 10th January, 1902, after a long and painful illness. In the autumn of 1900 he underwent a serious operation, which afforded temporary relief, and served to prolong his life for more than a year, but the nature of the disease did not admit of any hope of permanent improvement. His sufferings were borne with great patience and fortitude, and he continued to attend to his duties almost to the last.

Mr. Young was born on the 15th August, 1849, at Birkenhead, and after serving an apprenticeship to his father, who owned the Falcon Ironworks, Liverpool, he was employed by Messrs. H. Pontifex and Sons for several years in designing and in superintending the erection of machinery for various breweries and

distilleries. Subsequently he acted as Assistant to Professor John Perry in designing and superintending the extension of the works of Messrs. Latimer Clark, Muirhead and Co., of Westminster. In 1880 Mr. Young joined the Engineer's Department of Colney Hatch Asylum, which at that time belonged to the County of Middlesex, and in 1886 he succeeded the late Mr. R. Hack as Resident Engineer. The Asylum, which has a population of about 2,800, possesses an independent supply of gas and water, and until recently it had a separate sewage system. There is also a large laundry in which the washing is done by machinery. The building was erected more than fifty years ago, and in addition to the extensive repairs which are constantly required, important structural alterations and improvements have been carried out in the wards; the sanitary arrangements have been entirely reconstructed, and a system of heating has been provided throughout the building. A few years ago it became necessary to provide further accommodation for 300 additional patients, and iron buildings were erected for their reception. It will thus be seen that Mr. Young's position was an arduous and responsible one, and afforded him an opportunity of utilizing his knowledge of many different branches of the profession.

He was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 21st May, 1889.

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SIR JAMES TIMMINS CHANCE, BART., M.A. (Cantab.), died at his residence, Grand Avenue, Hove, on the 6th January, 1902, in his eighty-eighth year. The eldest son of Mr. William Chance, a leading merchant and manufacturer of Birmingham, he was born on the 22nd March, 1814, and was educated at Mr. John Wood's school at Totteridge, and at University College, London, where he obtained high honours in languages, mathematics, natural philosophy and chemistry. At the age of seventeen he entered his father's mercantile business, but, finding the work distasteful, read classics and Hebrew with the view of taking holy orders. In 1833 he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, and there made mathematics his chief study, gaining a foundation scholarship, and graduating as seventh wrangler in 1838, after losing a year through insomnia brought on by overwork. He had in the meantime changed his views as to a profession, entering as a student of law at Lincoln's Inn, but in the end circumstances obliged him, immediately after taking his degree, to join his uncle and father