

SIR THOMAS RAIKES THOMPSON, Bart., died on the 4th September, 1904, at his country seat, Worth Hall, Crawley, Sussex, at the age of fifty-two, after a strenuous career, of which more than 20 years were passed in the tropics. Born in 1852, the subject of this notice came of an old naval family, his grandfather having been one of Nelson's captains at the Nile and at Copenhagen. After obtaining his practical experience on the construction of the Vienna waterworks as an assistant to Mr. Gabrielli, the contractor, Sir Thomas went out to Bombay in 1875, where he secured the contract for the new outlet-works at Vehar Lake for the Bombay water-supply. In carrying out this contract, Sir Thomas experienced many difficulties, due to the scarcity of labour and other causes, all of which were successfully surmounted ; as were similar difficulties, accentuated by the absolute dearth of building-stone in the country traversed, met with in a subsequent contract, the construction of a railway from Goa to Dharwar in the Southern Mahratta district of India. Besides these works, he also carried out drainage-works for Bombay, and, in 1895, he constructed the Bhopal Railway. His last important contract in India was the Merewether Graving Dock for the Bombay Port Trust, of which Mr. G. E. Ormiston and Mr. G. R. Lynn were the engineers. This work having been successfully completed, Sir Thomas returned to England to look after the welfare of his children and his family affairs. Shortly after his return, he joined the firm of Arbuthnot, Ewart and Company, but after a short time his health began to fail. In April, 1904, he was attacked by paralysis, to which he succumbed in the following September. Sir Thomas married in 1880 Alice Maud Lovett, daughter of Mr. William Lochiel Cameron, who survives him.

He was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 1st April, 1879.

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LEEDHAM WHITE, born in 1838, was the son of the late Mr. John Bazley White, a former Associate, and grandson of the John Bazley White who founded the firm of cement-manufacturers which bore his name until it was absorbed in the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Limited, in 1900. Developing at school a taste for modern languages and chemistry, Leedham White was sent to France and Germany to complete his studies, and on his return in 1858, he entered his father's business, becoming a member of the firm in 1863.

To the business of a cement-manufacturer, Mr. White brought a