

Arriving in Victoria in 1855, he obtained employment in the Crown Lands Department, and subsequently in the Water Supply and Railway Survey branches. Among the works for which he was responsible were the survey of the first section of the trunk line between Melbourne and Sydney, and the construction of the Ballarat-Beaufort section of the railway to Adelaide. He also acted as chief assistant to the Resident Engineer, Mr. Hull, on the main Sandhurst line, between Malmsbury and Castlemaine, supervising the construction of three large viaducts. He retired from the service of the Victorian Government in 1893, having held the position of Inspecting Engineer of Surveys for the previous 5 years.

Mr. Wrixon was elected an Associate Member of the Institution on the 12th January, 1892.

JOHN BOUSTEAD died at his residence, 15 Prince's Gate, S.W., on the 20th October, 1904, at the advanced age of 84. The scion of an old Cumberland family, he was born on the 15th April, 1822, in Ceylon, where his father owned large coffee-estates. John Boustead was destined for the engineering profession, but after pursuing a course of study with this object, he entered his father's business, which had attained very large dimensions, and devoted himself energetically to the cultivation of coffee until the occurrence in 1879 of the crisis in this industry, consequent upon the almost total failure of the coffee-crops throughout the island. Mr. Boustead's courage and resource proved equal to the occasion, and his far-sighted and energetic action, as one of the most influential owners and agents in Ceylon, was largely instrumental in securing the adoption of the tea-plant in place of coffee, which led to the ultimate recovery of the island from what appeared at the time to be an irretrievable disaster.

Mr. Boustead was the oldest director of the Lambeth Waterworks Company. He was an old resident in Wimbledon, and was long connected with Bassenthwaite in Cumberland, where he built the chapel overlooking the lake and commenced the rebuilding of Armathwaite Hall.

He was elected, on the 26th November, 1867, an Associate of the Institution, with which he had been connected since 1841, when

he was admitted a Graduate. In 1842 his "Description of the Roofs of Messrs. Simpson and Co.'s Factory"¹ was published in the Proceedings.

* * The following deaths have been made known since the 24th June, 1905 :—

Members.

BROWN, JOHN, C.M.G.; <i>died</i> 11 July, 1905.	KYLE, JOHN; <i>died</i> 24 June, 1905.
GRAY, HENRY ALFRED; <i>died</i> 23 May, 1905.	LLOYD, WILLIAM; <i>died</i> 15 July, 1905.
HAYWARD, THOMAS; <i>died</i> 4 August, 1905.	O'CONNELL, JOHN; <i>died</i> 4 July, 1905.
HEAD, ARCHIBALD POTTER; <i>died</i> 22 June, 1905.	ROUSE, HENRY JAMES; <i>died</i> 17 August, 1905.
	WHITE, CHARLES FITZWILLIAM; <i>died</i> 4 July, 1905.

Associate Members.

FAWCETT, ARTHUR; <i>died</i> 17 July, 1905.	MATHER, SAMUEL; <i>died</i> 8 August, 1905.
TORRENS, GERARD PHILIP; <i>died</i> 26 May, 1905.	

Information as to the career and characteristics of the above is solicited in aid of the preparation of Obituary Notices.—SEC. INST. C.E., 11 September, 1905.

¹ Minutes of Proceedings Inst. C.E., vol. ii. p. 91.