

JOHN MATHIESON, late General Manager of the Midland Railway, died at Harrogate on the 9th August, 1906, aged 60. Born in 1846 at New Cumnock in Ayrshire, he entered the employment of the Glasgow and South Western Railway at the early age of 13. Six years later he became stationmaster at Stewarton. From this position he passed through all grades, losing no opportunity of gaining a thorough knowledge of railway working, until in 1875, at the age of 29, he became Superintendent of the line, a position which he held for 13 years.

In 1889 Mr. Mathieson accepted the appointment of Chief Commissioner of the Queensland Government railways. He held this important office with conspicuous ability for 7 years, during which period he effected considerable improvements in the administration and finances of the railway system of the colony. His successful management of the Queensland lines led to his appointment in a similar capacity in Victoria in 1896. He discharged the duties of Commissioner of Railways to that colony with equal success until 1901, when he returned to England as General Manager of the Midland Railway, in succession to Mr. George H. Turner. During Mr. Mathieson's term of office, the company added nearly 250 miles to its system by the absorption of the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway, and obtained by the construction of Heysham harbour a new and independent route to Ireland.

Mr. Mathieson was elected an Associate of The Institution on the 3rd March, 1903.

* * * The following deaths have also been made known since the 5th November, 1906:—

Members.

Bell, Imrie ; <i>died</i> 21 November, 1906.	Normand, Jacques Augustin ; <i>died</i> December, 1906.
Bernays, Joseph ; <i>died</i> 24 December, 1906.	Perry, James ; <i>died</i> 28 November, 1906.
Crozier, William.	Purser, Edward ; <i>died</i> 26 October, 1906.
Elliott, <i>Cavaliere</i> John ; <i>died</i> 9 December, 1906.	Reed, <i>Sir</i> Edward James ; <i>died</i> 30 November, 1906.
Ellis, John Devonshire ; <i>died</i> 11 November, 1906.	Rowan, James ; <i>died</i> 19 November, 1906.
Graham, Charles Benjamin ; <i>died</i> 9 January, 1907.	Tanner, John Edward, C.M.G. ; <i>died</i> December, 1906.
Kenyon, George Cecil ; <i>died</i> 30 October, 1906.	Timmis, Illius Augustus ; <i>died</i> 18 December, 1906.
McKie, Hugh Unsworth ; <i>died</i> 19 January, 1907.	Young, James ; <i>died</i> 29 June, 1906.
Nevey, Joseph ; <i>died</i> 9 January, 1907.	