

plans was Mr. R. Anderson, now one of the chief architects in Edinburgh. In 1858 he was gazetted Brevet-Colonel, and was appointed Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in the Colony of British Columbia. The Colony was a new one; gold had recently been found in it; 75 per cent. of the population were Americans, and many of these were from the Californian mines. Colonel Moody performed his duties for five years to the satisfaction both of the colonists and of the authorities at home, and his name is still remembered in British Columbia as one of the fathers of that rising country. He founded the capital (New Westminster), and the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Port Moody is named after him. In 1864 he returned to England, and was for two years Commanding Royal Engineer at Chatham. In 1868 he retired from the service with the rank of Major-General, and thereafter lived in great seclusion till his death. General Moody was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 23rd of April, 1839, and was therefore one of its oldest members. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a Member of the Royal Agricultural Society. A few days before his death he was elected an Honorary Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

A kinder and more considerate commanding officer than General Moody was not to be found; and no one who knew him, whether a brother-soldier, or statesman, or a humble villager or artisan, failed to love the kindly Christian gentleman whose seventy-four years of life were devoted to the service of his God, his Sovereign, and his neighbour.

JOHN SHAW,¹ the son of Mr. A. Shaw of Mottram, Cheshire, was born in March 1839. He was educated at the Grammar School of that town, and at the early age of fifteen entered the service of the Manchester and Sheffield Railway Company, on the introduction of Mr. John Chapman, M.P., then one of the Directors of the Company. The lad was received as an apprentice under the system which had been adopted by that Company, and to which is due the training and practical education of some of the most useful officials in the railway world. The apprenticeship system, as it existed at that time, required that all who entered the service must undergo a somewhat strict examination in all the branches of elementary knowledge. Having passed the

¹ The substance of this memoir is taken from the *Railway News*, July 2, 1887.

examination, a successful candidate was bound to remain in the service of the Company for a period of at least three years, and, among other matters, he was required to make himself as proficient as possible in shorthand. The salary commenced with a modest £20, and ended with £40 a year. From this position Mr. Shaw rose to be Assistant-Secretary of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Company, and in 1868, on the resignation of Dr. Samuel Smiles, he was made Secretary of the South Eastern Railway Company. At the time of his appointment to this important post he was but twenty-nine years of age—the youngest secretary of any railway company. For nearly twenty years Mr. Shaw devoted qualities of a high order to the discharge of this important, often complicated, and sometimes unthankful duty. After the death of Mr. Eborall, in 1873, he undertook, for a short time, the post of General Manager in addition to those of Secretary of the Company. In the fulfilment of these duties difficulties of no ordinary nature were experienced, and there are probably but few persons who could have so conducted the affairs of the South Eastern Company as to gain, as Mr. Shaw did, the confidence and respect alike of the Chairman and Directors, who were not always in accord on matters of policy connected with the management of the Company.

Among many services rendered alike to the proprietors and employees of the South Eastern Railway by the late Mr. Shaw, the foremost consists of the establishment of the "South Eastern Railway Provident Savings Bank," formed after the model of a similar institution among the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire officials. This was opened in February 1869. The bank was founded under a special Act of Parliament, which empowers the Company to pay 4 per cent. interest on the deposits, and makes all the sums deposited a debt on the general concern. The rules and regulations provide that any person in the Company's employ—man or boy—may, when receiving his wages at any of the usual pay days, leave in the hands of the pay-clerk any sum not less than a penny to be put into the bank. The institution thus offers the advantage most appreciable by those who best know the habits of the classes to whom the mass of railway servants belong, viz., that the man need not go to the savings bank, but that the savings bank comes to the man.

On the occasion of Mr. Shaw's marriage the Prince of Wales presented him with a tea-service in recognition of the attention he had always shown to members of the Royal Family when travelling on the South Eastern Railway.

For four months before his death Mr. Shaw had been suffering from a complication of disorders. He had gone to Bournemouth for change of air, and his physicians looked very hopefully to his improvement. But a relapse set in, and he died on the 28th of June, 1887. The high respect and esteem in which Mr. Shaw was held was strikingly manifested at the funeral, which took place at the cemetery at Reigate, Mr. Shaw having lately resided at Redhill. On this occasion not less than forty carriages took part in the funeral procession, conveying representatives from nearly every railway company in England, besides a large number of private friends who knew and valued the deceased's good qualities of mind and heart.

Mr. Shaw was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 30th of May, 1876.

* * The following deaths have occurred since the 25th of March last, in addition to those of whom obituary notices have already appeared :—

Members.

BASSETT, ALEXANDER.
BUDDICOM, WILLIAM BARBER.

POTTER, WILLIAM AUBONE.
STEVENSON, THOMAS, F.R.S.E.

Associate Members.

HOBSON, ANTHONY GRANT.
JONES, WILLIAM HENRY.

MARTIN, HENRY ROBERT HOWELLS.
PERRIER, ROLAND.

Associates.

ADDISON, Captain JOHN COPLEY, R.E. | DENHAM, Admiral Sir HENRY MANGLES,
LINDLEY, ROBERT CHARLES. [F.R.S.

Information respecting the life and works, the careers and leading characteristics of any of the above, is solicited, to aid in the preparation of future Obituary Notices.—SEC. INST. C.E., August 25, 1887.
