

An excellent constitution enabled Mr. Robertson to attend without remission to his duties almost to the end of his life. The illness which terminated in his death, on the 7th of October 1889, lasted only ten weeks, and he can fairly be said to have died in harness at the age of seventy-one. Perhaps no higher tribute can be paid to his memory than the injunction given to a meeting of the official staff of the Great Eastern Railway by the Chairman, who ended an allusion to Mr. Robertson's career among them by saying, "Go thou and do likewise."

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GEORGE WILSON STEVENSON was born at Derby on the 10th of April, 1825. He became a pupil of Mr. Hawksley, at Nottingham at the age of seventeen, and remained with that gentleman until the expiration of his articles. In 1847, Mr. Stevenson went to the United States, but returned to England within two years. He was soon appointed Surveyor to the Local Board of Loughborough, from which he retired to enter into partnership with Mr. William Lee, an Inspector under the Public Health Act. During this partnership he carried out several sewerage and water schemes. In 1856, he received the appointment of Borough Engineer to the Corporation of Halifax. He had almost at once to advise the Corporation in reference to the proposed purchase of the gas undertaking. The parliamentary fight was very keen, and the manner in which Mr. Stevenson bore himself under the severe cross-examination at once brought him forward as an expert witness. The Halifax gas-works, which were on the side of a steep hill, had to be entirely rebuilt, and great skill was shown in constructing the buildings upon the slope of the hill, so that the coal was brought in at the highest point, and the coke taken out at the lowest point of the works with a minimum of handling. Throughout the ten years of his residence in Halifax, Mr. Stevenson was largely consulted by Companies and local authorities in reference to gas and water undertakings, until he was compelled by increase of business to remove to London in 1866, since which date, until within a year of his death, he was in constant practice as consulting engineer for gas, water, and sewerage matters. He published in 1879 a book on "Precedents in Private Bill Legislation affecting Gas and Water Undertakings." He designed new gas-works for West Bromwich, Scarborough, Colchester, Peterborough, and several

other places, and in all carried out in their entirety, or partially, some sixty works or systems for gas, water, or sewerage.

Mr. Stevenson was elected an Associate of the Institution on the 1st of April, 1851, and was transferred to the class of Members on the 27th of May, 1879. He was President of the Gas Institute in 1882.

Mr. Stevenson died on the 23rd of October, 1889.

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WILLIAM STROUDLEY was born on the 6th of March, 1833, at Sandford, in Oxfordshire; in 1847 he was apprenticed to Mr. John Inshaw, of Birmingham, but as his parents were not able to pay a premium he got no indentures. He worked in the shop, learning to fit and turn, and to work the engines in a twin-screw passenger boat started in 1840 by Mr. Inshaw, to run on the canal between Birmingham and Wolverhampton. In 1848 he went for a few months to work an engine of 15 HP. for Mr. Middleton of the Vulcan Foundry, Birmingham, and then performed similar duties for Mr. W. Dean, an engineer and millwright, in Birmingham, under whom he acquired practice as a hand-turner and at general work. He was also sent out to assist in the erection of a set of pumps and a steam-engine to drain a deep well at the Hatton Asylum, near Warwick. In 1849 Mr. Inshaw received an order for the engines of eight steam-boats, on his plan of twin-screws, for the Grand Canal Company, Dublin, and Mr. Stroudley was again engaged with him, being employed fitting up the engines and boilers, after which he was sent to Dublin to assist in erecting them; this and other work kept him employed until 1851, when he went to work for Mr. Edwards, of the Islington Foundry, Birmingham; there he was engaged in erecting a large condensing engine for a corn-mill, and afterwards on a pair of compound engines for a paper-mill, and another pair of compound engines for Messrs. Nettlefold and Chamberlain, Birmingham. By this time he was near twenty years of age, and Mr. Inshaw failing in business, young Stroudley left him, and in May 1853 was engaged at the Swindon Locomotive Works, where he was employed, under the superintendent, the late Sir Daniel Gooch, in fitting up valve- and slide-motions for new goods-engines. He was principally engaged on piece-work, at which he occasionally earned as much as 7s. per day. He was soon advanced to day-work at 31s. 6d. per week. He received an offer from his old