

OBITUARY

GRAHAM TOWNSEND BENNETT, O.B.E., B.Sc., who was born on 30 October, 1895, died on 28 November, 1955.

He was educated at the Merchant Venturers' School, Bristol, and graduated at the University of Bristol. He completed his studies in 1919, after commissioned service in the Worcester Regiment during the 1914-18 War. From 1920 to 1925, he was apprenticed as a Junior Assistant to Messrs A. P. Cotterell & Sons, consulting engineers in waterworks and sewerage. From 1925 to 1927 he was an Engineering Assistant with the Oxfordshire County Council.

In 1927, he was appointed County Surveyor of Oxfordshire, and in 1948 County Surveyor of Buckinghamshire. From 1940 to 1945, he served with the Royal Engineers in the Middle East and later in France and Germany. He was Mentioned in Dispatches four times and was awarded the Order of the British Empire (Military).

He was a leading authority on highways and was particularly concerned with the relation of road layout to traffic accidents. He achieved considerable success in reducing fatal road accidents in Oxfordshire by alterations to a number of road junctions.

Mr Bennett was the Author of many Papers on road and bridge problems and presented a Paper¹ to the Joint Conference of the Institutions of Civil, of Mechanical, and of Electrical Engineers. In April 1949, in joint authorship with R. J. Smeed, he presented to the Road Engineering Division a Paper on "Research on Traffic Flow and Road Safety".²

He was elected an Associate Member in 1922, and transferred to the class of Member in 1945. He was a Member of Council from 1951 until the end of October 1955. He then declined to stand for re-election on account of his failing health.

He was also a Member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers, a Fellow and Past-President of the Institution of Highway Engineers, and a Past-President (and later Secretary) of the County Surveyors' Society.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

ERNEST HONE FORD, O.B.E., who was born on 11 August, 1884, died on 15 November, 1955.

From 1902 to 1905 he was articled to the Borough Engineer of Walsall, and was then Assistant to the Borough Surveyor at Walsall until 1912, when he was appointed Assistant Surveyor, Southport. In 1924 he became City Engineer and Surveyor, and Planning Officer, to Coventry Corporation, which office he held until his retirement in 1949. He remained in private practice as a consulting engineer and Town and Country Planning consultant until July 1954, and was Chairman of the Coventry Cathedral Reconstruction Committee until his death.

His Paper on "Coventry By-Pass Road" read before a Joint Meeting of the Birmingham and District Association of the Institution and the West Midland

¹ "Road Planning and Safety". Proc. Jt Engng Conf., I.C.E., I.Mech.E., I.E.E., 1931, p. 229.

² Road Paper 29, Instn Civ. Engrs, 1949.