

DR THOMAS WILLIAMSON.

Dr Williamson was born at Greenock in 1815, and claimed to be the last surviving representative of the ancient family of the Napiers of Kilmahew. When quite young, he was sent to study medicine at the University of Edinburgh, where he took his degree of M.D. at the age of twenty, in the same year becoming a licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, an institution of which he was elected a Fellow in 1857. He was one of the oldest members of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. In early life he held several public offices. He was for fully thirty years surgeon in Leith Hospital, and during the whole of his long residence in Leith took a warm interest in the welfare of that institution. At the time of his death he held the appointments of parochial medical officer and public vaccinator for the parish of South Leith, and medical officer of health for the entire burgh. The latter office obliged him to board vessels coming from ports where any epidemic was prevalent, and to his foresight is due the readiness in which Leith has been held, during the late visitations of cholera on the Continent, to deal with any emergency which might arise. His various public duties were performed with untiring vigilance and care, and he enjoyed the unqualified respect of his fellow citizens, among whom his long residence rendered his figure one of the most familiar in the community. Dr Williamson was an occasional contributor to medical journals on topics chiefly relating to sanitation. He published various pamphlets, and delivered several popular lectures on subjects relating to public health, and read a paper on the subject at one of the meetings of the Social Science Congress at Edinburgh, which was printed in their reports. On returning from Colinton, he was seized with an attack of apoplexy which terminated fatally on the 30th of December 1885. He was elected a Fellow of this Society on 7th December 1857.

JOHN MILROY, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

The death has just been announced of Mr John Milroy, Assoc. Inst. C.E., one of the remaining links between the present and the great days of railway construction in which the late Mr Thomas