

### Spencer Campbell Thomson.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr Spencer C. Thomson, which took place in Edinburgh on 11th May 1931. Mr Thomson carried on a great family connection with the Insurance world in Scotland, when he succeeded his father, the late Mr William Thomas Thomson, as Manager of the Standard Life Assurance Company in 1874.

Mr Spencer Thomson was born on 16th October 1842 at 3 George Street, Edinburgh, where his father occupied a flat over the Standard building there. He was educated at the Edinburgh Academy and Rugby, and graduated at Cambridge. In 1865 he entered the service of the Standard Life Assurance Company as Assistant Actuary, and after being Assistant Manager, succeeded his father as Manager in 1874.

Mr Thomson was Honorary President of the Actuarial Society of Edinburgh in 1877 and again in 1886; and in 1890–1892 he was President of the Faculty of Actuaries. Among his contributions to the *Transactions* of that body, the best known is the one relating to Mortality in India and other tropical countries, which for years was a standard work of reference on that subject. From 1892 to 1895 he was Chairman of the Associated Scottish Life Offices, a position which his father had held from 1867 to 1873. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (1870) and a former President of the Cockburn Association, an organisation in which he took a keen interest.

In 1869 Mr Thomson married Georgina Maria Joanna, daughter of George F. Cockburn of the Bengal Civil Service, a son of Lord Cockburn. After her death he married in 1919 Helen Gladys Walker, a granddaughter of Sir William Stewart Walker, K.C.B., of Bowland. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and one daughter.