

Forrest Hay Lightbody.

MR LIGHTBODY entered George Watson's College in 1870, the first year that the College was open as a day school. In 1884–85, he attended the Edinburgh University Class of Engineering under Professor Fleeming Jenkin, gained first prize and was medallist for the year. Throughout his life his interest in the Watsonian Club and in Rugby and cricket never flagged. It was his proud boast that he had not missed a single Rugby international in Edinburgh since 1875.

He was the prime mover in the formation of the Society of Ordained Surveyors, which was inaugurated in 1899. The Society prepared and issued Modes of Measurement for measuring building works and set up an examination board for the qualification of its students in the art of measuring artificers' work, which was the first great step taken to place the profession on a sound basis. Mr Lightbody realised that the Society of Ordained Surveyors, being an Edinburgh body, was not on a big enough scale, so he worked hard for the formation of a Scottish body of surveyors. In 1913 he was the leader in the formation of the Faculty of Surveyors of Scotland, which was then granted a Royal Charter, and Mr Lightbody was elected its first President.

On the passing of the Finance (1909–10) Act, Mr Lightbody published a book on *The Valuation of Undeveloped Land*. His services were widely used as an arbiter and valuer.

Mr Lightbody was a well-known figure in connection with building contracts in Scotland, and a man of eminence in his profession. He worked hard indeed to raise the status of the quantity surveyor, and his passing was a great loss to the profession in Scotland.

He was elected a Fellow in 1905, and died on July 8, 1940.

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