

## MEMOIR

WILLIAM ROADLEY DOVEY, F.F.A., F.A.S., A.I.A.

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By the sudden death in Sydney (New South Wales) on the 7th January last of Mr William Roadley Dovey at the age of 78, the profession has lost a senior member, well known abroad.

Mr Dovey was born at Lowestoft, Suffolk, on the 28th June, 1854, and entered the service of the Standard Life Assurance Company (Edinburgh) at an early age. In 1879 he qualified as a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries (Scotland). Later he was elected an A.I.A. and was also granted the Fellowship of the Actuarial Society of America. In 1891 he went to Australia as the first actuary of the Citizens' Life Assurance Co. Ltd. of Sydney (now The Mutual Life and Citizens'). In 1901 he returned to London, where he commenced practice as a consulting actuary, but in 1909 he again went to Sydney, this time to found the Assurance and Thrift Association, Ltd. He was actively employed right up to the time of his death.

The Journal of the Institute of Actuaries contains contributions from his pen on "The Influence of Selection on the Mortality from Different Classes of Diseases among Assured Lives" in Volume 23, and on "Notes on Valuation Methods with special reference to Mr Chatham's Paper on this subject in the *J.I.A.* Vol. xxxii" in Vol. xxxiv. He was a frequent contributor to the proceedings of the Actuarial and Insurance Societies of New South Wales. In the year 1895 he occupied the Presidential Chair of the Insurance Institute of New South Wales and in the year 1898 became the first President of the Actuarial Society of New South Wales. Despite the demands of a busy professional career Mr Dovey was devoted to the work of various charitable and other organisations, where his gifts as an administrator and his actuarial knowledge fitted him for service of outstanding merit. He possessed a pleasing temperament and a sincerity of purpose which earned for him the respect and admiration of a very wide circle of friends.