business and often disclaiming any actuarial knowledge, there can be no doubt
that his actuarial training gave him a most useful background.

During the greater part of his business life, industrial assurance was under
political attack, and he took a leading part in defending it by his work for the
Industrial Life Offices Association and by giving evidence before committees
of inquiry. He had a gift for leadership which was evident, and he was called
upon to fill such posts as President of the Birmingham Insurance Institute
during a Conference Year, Chairman of the Industrial Life Offices Associa-
tion for nine years, and Chairman of the British Insurance Association; the
latter was an unusual honour for a man living in the provinces or connected
with an industrial assurance office.

Jefferson enjoyed entertaining and was a generous and thoughtful host. He
was a founder member of the Denarius Club and was also a member of the
Actuaries and Gallio Clubs. He leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom
recently became General Manager of the Britannic.

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DAVID HOUSEMAN

DAVID HOUSEMAN, who died 7 December 1956, was born 30 April 1892,
his father being the headmaster of the St Marylebone Grammar School. He
obtained an open scholarship to the City of London School, and on leaving
school joined the staff of the London Life in January 1910. During the 1914–18
War he served with the York and Lancaster Regiment, attaining the rank of
Captain; he was wounded twice and was mentioned in dispatches. In 1919 he
qualified as an Associate of the Institute but later turned his attention to the
law. Having been articled in 1920 to Mr A. E. Savill of Messrs Druces and
Attlee he was admitted a solicitor in 1923 and returned to the staff of the
London Life, of which he was appointed Secretary in 1953, after being for
many years its Trust and Claims Secretary.

Though Houseman had not achieved his original goal, the Fellowship,
he remained a loyal member of the Institute and read papers before it on
The new Law of Property Act (in 1925) and The Legal Aspects of Life Assurance
Practice (in 1931); for the former paper he received a prize from the Messenger
and Brown Prize Fund. He took part in discussions at the Institute on various
occasions and contributed several reviews to the Journal. For the last nine
years of their publication he was joint author with Mr E. J. MacGillivray of the
Journal’s Legal Notes. His book, The Law of Life Assurance, is a worthy
companion, albeit in a narrower field, to MacGillivray’s magnum opus. He was
a founder member and a past chairman of the Life Assurance Legal Society.

Houseman’s was a delightful personality and his loyalty to his colleagues and
his Company was of the highest order. His extreme modesty and the generous
way in which he made his considerable knowledge available to all who sought
his aid gained him a wide circle of friends and admirers in the world of life
assurance. He possessed a whimsical sense of humour and his writings were
often pointed by quotations from Lewis Carroll and Jerome K. Jerome.

F. H. W.