was rigidly true and scrupulously honest in every sense of the word and intolerant of compromise. A strict disciplinarian, he was yet kind and thoughtful for others. His somewhat monastic upbringing and absence of sporting contacts and companionship in youth tended to make him somewhat shy and extremely sensitive to criticism. However, he conducted himself in the high and important offices to which he attained with conspicuous ability and success. Outside his official duties he took his part as a member of the Insurance Institute of New South Wales and of the Actuarial Society of Australasia, holding the office of President in each body and writing several valuable papers. Robert Thodey was one of those rare people of whom it may be said that:

> "Of all his tale of days, not one
> Has passed and left its unlaid ghost
> To seek a light for ever lost
> Or wail a deed for ever done."

A. C. H.

ALFRED LOEWY

Professor Alfred Loewy, who died on 25th January last, was another instance of a mathematician who took up actuarial science. Born on 20th June, 1873, at Rawitsch in Posen, he became Professor in 1902 at Freiburg. A voluminous and versatile writer on actuarial topics, he will be best remembered in this country for valuable contributions regarding the employment of Stieltje's integral, and for suggestions on the development of actuarial notation, although much of his other work is also of great merit (see *J.I.A.* Vol. LXIV, p. 58). His productive capacity of late years is the more remarkable in view of the fact that he suffered severely from eye trouble. Much regret will be felt at the termination of a career that had by no means run its course.

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