

Alexander Galt, D.Sc.

ALEXANDER GALT was born in Mauchline in the year 1854. He was educated at Kilmarnock Academy and later received a very thorough and comprehensive training at Glasgow Training College, Glasgow University and the City and Guilds Institute, London. He graduated B.Sc. in Glasgow in 1887 and received his doctorate in 1898. He held various teaching posts before becoming official assistant to Lord Kelvin at Glasgow University. While at Glasgow University Dr Galt had excellent opportunities of engaging in research, and presented papers, both alone and jointly with Lord Kelvin, to the Royal Societies of London and Edinburgh. He left Glasgow to organise the science training in the Episcopal Church Training College in Edinburgh.

In 1901 the control of the Royal Scottish Museum was transferred from the Science and Art Department, London, to the Scottish Education Department, and Sir Francis Ogilvie, at that time director, appointed Dr Galt to organise a new department of the museum—the Technological Department—which was to be closely associated with the technical education in Scotland. Dr Galt's wide educational experience fitted him admirably for his new work, which he developed with the happiest results till his retirement under the age limit in 1920.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1887, and died at Mont Felard in the Channel Islands on June 26, 1938, in his eighty-third year.

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