

John Cuthbertson, M.B.E.

MR JOHN CUTHBERTSON was born at Kilmaurs, Ayrshire, in 1859. He was trained as a schoolmaster at the Free Church Training College, Glasgow, and at the University of Glasgow.

After holding various teaching appointments, he was appointed teacher of mining for Ayrshire and organised classes in this subject throughout the county. Later Mr Cuthbertson was made organiser of technical education under the Ayrshire County Council.

In 1889, on the foundation of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, Mr Cuthbertson was appointed Secretary and Treasurer, and for the remainder of his life was closely identified with the work of the College. He played an important part in its development from small beginnings to the important position it now holds in the scheme of Scottish agricultural education.

In addition to his professional work, Mr Cuthbertson took a wide interest in the public affairs of Ayrshire and was an active member of many committees and societies. He was awarded the M.B.E. for his work on the Food Production Committee of Ayrshire and on various organisations concerned with the welfare of the troops.

Mr Cuthbertson was a man of wide general culture and a gifted artist in water-colour. He retired in 1931, and his death on April 8, 1933, at the age of seventy-three, so soon after giving up his official duties, is regretted by a wide circle of friends.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1904.

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