

## MEMOIR

## JULIUS RIETCHEL

JULIUS RIETCHEL died suddenly at the age of 85 on 22 January 1963 at Wadhurst, Sussex, where he had lived since his retirement.

He joined the Sun of India in February 1893 and was transferred with that office to the Sun Life Assurance Society in January 1897. He became a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in 1904 and, after serving in the first World War with the R.A.M.C., in 1923 he was appointed Assistant Actuary of the Society.

In 1928 he was appointed *Joint Actuary, Joint General Manager and Joint Actuary* in 1935, and General Manager, Secretary and Actuary in the June of that year—an appointment which he held until his retirement in 1941. He served on the Council of the Institute from 1924–28, submitted two papers and took part in discussions on a number of occasions.

Mr Rietchel's retirement was marked by the attainment of an ambition which his erstwhile colleagues will remember he always cherished during his official lifetime—to visit his relatives in Canada, but it was not until 1947 that he was able to arrange a six months' visit to Vancouver.

This was followed by two world tours. In 1950 he spent eighteen months visiting Vancouver, New Zealand, Australia, Tasmania and Ceylon. In 1953, at the age of 75, Mr Rietchel again visited Australia via Capetown and travelled by air to visit friends and relatives in Tasmania and New Zealand. He then returned to Sydney and travelled by plane across the Pacific stopping at Fiji, Hawaii and Honolulu, where he was able to indulge in his favourite pastime of bathing.

He was a kindly man who gave every encouragement to those who worked under him and, indeed, up to the time of his death, he retained a keen interest in their progress.

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