

Alexander John Dey.

MR DEY was born at Rothiemay in Banffshire and served his apprenticeship there as a pharmaceutical chemist with Messrs Pirie & Sons. After a short period in Aberdeen he came to Edinburgh in 1887 and continued his studies at the Royal Dispensary School of Chemistry ("Duncan's") and qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist in 1890. In 1892 he joined the staff of Messrs T. & H. Smith, the well-known manufacturing chemists, becoming Manager in 1899 and a Director in 1904.

He was actively concerned with the development of the firm's business, and was responsible for the removal of the works in 1906 to a much larger site on the outskirts of Edinburgh, the old name of the Blandfield Chemical Works being retained. Since then large additions to the works have been carried out under his direction.

The War made great demands on the products of the firm, and Mr Dey undoubtedly suffered in health from the strain of these years. He retired in 1935, much to the regret of his colleagues and staff.

Mr Dey was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1925.

In his early days he was much interested in curling, and he was also a keen fisherman.

He died in Edinburgh on December 19, 1937, at the age of sixty-nine. His death removes a man of much administrative ability, and his loss is regretted by a large circle of friends.

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