

George Coull, D.Sc. (Edin.)

GEORGE COULL was born in Edinburgh in 1862. He was educated in Daniel Stewart's College, where he obtained many prizes. On leaving school he was apprenticed to a pharmaceutical chemist, and soon showed evidence of his ability by securing the various prizes open to young pharmacists. After attending classes at Surgeon's Hall and Heriot-Watt College, he passed the qualifying examinations of the Pharmaceutical Society. Entering Edinburgh University, Coull was Senior Medallist of his year in chemistry. He graduated B.Sc. in 1889 and D.Sc. in 1899, his thesis discussing the preparation of phenyl betaine. After graduating, Dr Coull was appointed chemist and laboratory manager to Messrs Rames, Clark & Co., Leith. When the British Pharmaceutical Conference visited Edinburgh in 1892 he read three papers, one of them proving that there were two phosphates of quinine on the market, varying in chemical composition, and therefore giving a different dose of alkaloid for the same weight. In due time he became Managing Director of his firm. For several years Dr Coull was a member of the Board of Examiners for Scotland of the Pharmaceutical Society, and, for a longer period, of the North British Executive of the same society. In 1913 he was elected to the Town Council of Leith, and before long became a Bailie of that Burgh. As a member of the Gas Commission, and other municipal boards, his scientific knowledge was of real service.

George Coull was a man of a genial disposition, with a strong sense of humour which endeared him to a large circle of friends. He died on January 10, 1934, and is survived by a widow and two sons and by two daughters.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1929.

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