

David Lawrence Bryce.

DAVID LAWRENCE BRYCE was born in Edinburgh in 1852 and received his education at the Royal High School. While still under twenty he went to London, where, except for a year in Germany, he remained till he retired from business in 1925.

In his earlier years he was interested generally in natural history, and used a microscope which he is credited with having constructed himself. His admission to the Hackney Microscopical Society in 1884 opened up a new field to him—the Rotifera; and his enthusiasm was raised to the pitch of making a manuscript copy of the monograph by Hudson and Gosse for his own use. The Bdelloida chiefly engaged his attention and form the subject of numerous communications appearing in the *Journal of the Quekett Microscopical Club* and elsewhere, a noteworthy contribution being his new classification of the Bdelloid rotifers (*Journ. Q.M.C.*, November 1910). The article on Rotifers in the last edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* bears his initials.

His ambition was to write a comprehensive work on the rotifers of Scotland, for which he collected much material, but this he did not accomplish, as the material reaching him from various parts of the world, and involving a heavy correspondence with specialists in other countries, absorbed most of his available time.

Of his admissions to scientific societies none seems to have afforded so much gratification as his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1927, which he regarded as a reward for the hours, after a long day's work at business, spent in his studies. He died on October 26, 1934.

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