

## Obituary.

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J. RUDD LEESON, M.D., F.R.A.S.—Dr. Leeson was born on January 6th, 1854, and was educated at Argyll College, St. Thomas Hospital, and Edinburgh University, where he was a pupil of Lord Lister, then Professor of Clinical Surgery. Later he studied at Berlin, Vienna and Heidelberg. He settled down in general practice at Twickenham, where he remained for the rest of his life. On his retirement from practice in 1908, he took up public work at Twickenham; in 1912 he was elected Chairman of the District Council, and for several years represented the district on the Middlesex County Council; he was a Justice of the Peace for the County, Chairman of the local Conservative Association, Ruling Councillor of the Primrose League and Chairman of the National Citizens' Union. The latter years of his life were chiefly devoted to two objects—the completion of his book on "Lister as I Knew Him" and in helping to obtain a Charter of Incorporation for Twickenham. He was appointed Charter-Mayor and then first Mayor of the new borough, but died on October 23rd, a few days before the close of his first year's term of office.

He was twice married and had three daughters and one son; the latter, Mr. Spencer Leeson, is the headmaster of the Merchant Taylors' School.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical, Royal Microscopical, Geological, and Linnæan Societies. He joined the British Astronomical Association in April, 1910, and served on its Council in the years 1912-14.

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