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JOHN HERON.

JOHN HERON was born in Bandon, co. Cork, on May 8, 1850. He studied engineering at Queen's College, Cork, and obtained the B.E. degree in 1871, but soon afterwards decided to make chemistry his career, and entered the Royal College of Chemistry under Professor Edward Frankland. In 1876 he left the college to take charge of a guncotton factory in Wales, but early in 1877 resigned that appointment to go to Worthington's Brewery at Burton as assistant chemist under Dr. Horace Brown. In 1883 he went as chemist to the Anglo-Bavarian Brewery at Shepton Mallet, and in 1885 was appointed chemist to the Invert Sugar Works of Messrs. Garton, Hill and Co. Here he remained till 1895, when he set up in London as brewers' chemist and consultant, remaining in practice till his death. He died on March 29, leaving a widow and a family of three sons and seven daughters.

Always keenly interested in chemical research, Heron contributed many valuable papers, mainly connected with the chemistry of brewing and of sugar, to various scientific societies. Of these, the first was the valuable research, made jointly with Horace Brown, "Contributions to the History of Starch and its Transformations," read before the Chemical Society. Of his others we can here only mention his important papers on the use of the polariscope in brewing practice and analysis, those on the manufacture and analysis of invert sugar, and his numerous researches in the chemistry of brewing, malting, and hops.

He was an original member of the Laboratory Club, which developed into the Institute of Brewing, and also of the Society of Chemical Industry, and filled many important offices in both these societies. A man of great ability and genial character, his death will be felt amongst a large circle of scientific and social friends.

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