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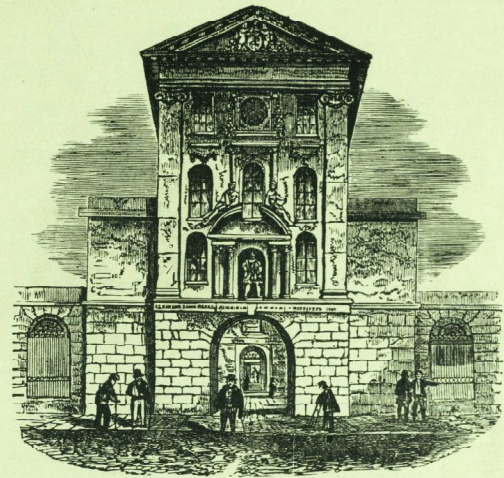
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Obituary.

WILLIAM JOHNSON WALSHAM,

F.R.C.S.ENG., M.B., C.M.ABERDEEN,

Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.; Consulting Surgeon to the Metropolitan Hospital, to the Bromley Cottage Hospital, and to the Sevenoaks Hospital for Hip Disease.



St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Medical School have suffered great losses during the present year. Since last spring Mr. Butlin, Prof. Howard Marsh, and Dr. Hensley have resigned, and it is now our duty to record the completed life-work of Mr. William Johnson Walsham, whose untimely death has caused profound sorrow to the many generations of students whom he taught so assiduously and with such pleasure.

Walsham was born in London on June 27th, 1847, the elder son of William Walker Walsham, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, and of Louisa Johnson, his wife, and was educated privately under the Rev. Dr. Johnson at High-bury. Early in life he showed his mechanical bent, and was apprenticed to the engineering firm of Messrs. Maudslay. The early hours and the physical labour involved soon proved too much for his frail body, and he was compelled reluctantly to turn his attention to less exacting work. For a time he studied chemistry, and it was through this source that his thoughts were first turned towards medicine. He entered the Hospital in October, 1867, being at the time somewhat older than the majority of his fellow-students. He at once demonstrated his superiority and dexterity by obtaining the chief prizes in the dissecting-room, the Treasurer's or Junior Practical Anatomy Prize being awarded to him at the end of his first winter session in 1868, and the Foster or senior Practical Anatomy Prize falling to his lot at the end of his second winter session in 1869. In 1869, too, he obtained the senior scholarship in Anatomy, Physiology, and Botany, having previously gained the junior scholarship. In each of these four events Mr. Alban Doran obtained the second place. In 1869 Walsham gained the gold medal for proficiency in materia medica given by the Society of Apothecaries, and in the following year he was admitted an L.S.A. He next proceeded to Aberdeen, as was then the custom of many of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital men, and graduated in 1871 as M.B., C.M., with the highest honours and with special honours for his thesis in the University, returning to London to take the M.R.C.S.Eng. on November 17th, 1871. He was nominated to act as house physician to Dr. Francis Harris for twelve months from May 1st, 1871, and this post he filled for nine months, when he resigned to become house surgeon to Mr. Holmes Cooté for the remaining three months of his year of office. In the winter session of 1872 he was appointed assistant demonstrator of anatomy jointly with Mr. Harrison Cripps, and in the following year he was appointed full demonstrator, a