

Dr. Francis William Underhill

A student of St. George's Hospital, he obtained the diplomas of M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1865, and L.S.A. in 1866.

He took the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, in 1884.

At St. George's he was senior prizeman in anatomy, medicine surgery and midwifery, and won other distinctions.

He had held the post of demonstrator of anatomy at St. George's Hospital School of Medicine, and was for some time Prosector in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.

He served for many years as honorary secretary of the St. George's Hospital Medical Society.

On leaving London he went to practise in Birmingham, and became honorary consulting surgeon to the Moseley Hall Convalescent Home for Children.

When Dr. Underhill retired from active work he settled in Maiden Head, where he kept a private home for feebleminded adults. His quaintly attired figure and old-world Courtly manner made him a well known figure in Maidenhead.

He took an active interest in the social life of the town, and was for some years connected with the working boys' club as secretary and treasurer.

He was a member of the Windsor Division of the Oxford and Reading Branch of the British Medical Association, and a regular attended at its meetings.

On the formation of the new Windsor Division, Dr. Underhill entered into its activities with enthusiasm, and although over eighty years of age drove long distances to attend committee meetings.

His long experience of administration and his encouragement did much to help the newly appointed officers. During his years of active practice in the Midlands he had served for some time as treasurer of the Birmingham Branch.

He was a respected senior side's man in St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, and had been one of the managers of the Church of England schools.

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