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Dr. Frank Hugh Barendt died with tragic suddenness on October 28th, 1926, a few days after undergoing an operation. He was sixty-five years of age. A native of Liverpool, where he had practised as a dermatologist for many years, Dr. Barendt was educated at Liverpool College and at Dantzig. Before leaving school he had decided to study medicine, and on returning from Dantzig he entered University College, Liverpool.

His undergraduate career was a distinguished one, and among many other honours he was awarded the Roger Lyon Jones Scholarship. In 1885 he obtained the diplomas of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.R.C.P. Lond. In 1887 he graduated M.B. Lond., and in 1888 he proceeded to his M.D. degree. He filled several resident posts in Liverpool, at the Royal Infirmary and the Bootle Borough Hospital, and spent a year at the Universities of Vienna and Berlin, where he worked with Hebra, Kaposi, Neumann, Max Joseph and Lassar.

In 1890 he took his F.R.C.S. Eng., and shortly afterwards was appointed Hon. Physician for the Department of Diseases of the Skin at the Royal Southern Hospital, and also Hon. Surgeon at the St. George's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Liverpool. These two appointments he filled with great acceptance until his death. In addition, during the war he acted as Honorary Consulting Dermatologist to the Military Hospitals in the Liverpool District, and was Senior Surgeon in charge of the V.D. Department at the Royal Southern Hospital. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, a member of the British Association of Dermatology, a member of the Liverpool Medical Institution, in which he had held many offices, and a devoted member of the British Medical Association. On the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the B.M.A. in Liverpool in 1913 he was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Section of Dermatology.

His knowledge of his specialty was wide and accurate, and his opinion was much valued by his colleagues in Liverpool and the North. He wrote many articles on diseases of the skin, but as he was Editor of the Liverpool Medico-Chirurgical Journal for many years he felt that that journal had
the first claims on his pen, and consequently most of his papers were published in its pages. All his contributions were marked by sound clinical observation, and exhibited an extensive knowledge of the literature of the subject.

At the Clinical Meetings of the Liverpool Medical Institution he had usually some interesting cases to exhibit, and his demonstration of the features of these cases invariably excited considerable interest. He was a careful teacher, and a devoted band of students followed his hospital clinics.

He kept himself thoroughly up to date, but he was always reluctant to abandon old and well-tried methods of treatment for the mere sake of trying some vaunted novelty. Yet, when he was convinced that there was solid worth in any new remedy, he was among the first to let his patients have the benefit of it.

But Barendt was many other things besides a dermatologist. In the best sense he was a man of culture. Even his prescriptions betokened a cultured mind. They were written with great care, in accurate Latin, without slovenly contractions—a rare thing in these hurried, slip-shod days. He was a linguist, with a devout love for the Classics. He was a meticulous expert in orthography and etymology; an excellent judge of music; interested in art and literature; and with a philosophic bent of mind that found opportunities for expression in many an ardent fireside discussion. Though he was a keen controversialist he made no enemies; for his was a genial spirit that neither gave nor took offence readily.

He was a man of high ideals. He had early learned the duty of service, and the pursuit of wealth, position or power was to him an unworthy ambition. His chief aim was to do all that in him lay for his patients, and to serve the community in which he lived faithfully and well. Few men have succeeded in realizing their ambitions so fully.

Dr. Barendt is survived by his widow and by five children. His eldest son, a youth of fine promise, died in 1918. His second son is studying medicine in London.

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