

OBITUARY.

By the sudden death of Dr. John Cavafy on April 28th, the dermatological circle in London has lost a member whose absence is keenly felt by all.

During the most active period of his professional life Dr. Cavafy was physician to St. George's Hospital, and physician in charge of the Skin Department. In addition he was Lecturer on Medicine to the Hospital, and had held the appointments of Examiner in Medicine for the Conjoint Board of the Royal Colleges, and also for the University of London. The enumeration of these appointments testifies to his eminence in the profession. His special interest in dermatology could always be readily elicited. The writer recollects the critical and lucid account which he gave of the very remarkable case of Lichen planus in rings, of which a short note appeared in this Journal (Vol. IX., p. 154, 1897), and which has frequently been referred to by his colleagues of the Dermatological Society of London as "Cavafy's case." At that meeting he mentioned the severe attack of enteric fever from which he had just recovered, but intended to write for this Journal a special account of this patient, in spite of the fact that he felt himself permanently injured by the disease. This was not the last case Dr. Cavafy brought to the Society, but failing health prevented the fulfilment of his promise and the illustration of his Paper by one of his own water-colour sketches—he was one of the few dermatologists whose training rendered them independent of the assistance of the water-colour artist. His genial humour and courteous disposition will always be looked back on with kindly remembrance by his friends.