

OBITUARY.

DR. FREDERICK GARDINER.

DR. FREDERICK GARDINER was born in Edinburgh in 1874. He studied medicine at Edinburgh University, graduated M.B., C.M. and B.Sc. in Public Health. He then spent a short time as an assistant in general practice in the north of England. Later he acted as Assistant Physician in the Dundee Royal Asylum, and on resigning this post returned to Edinburgh, where he commenced general practice. In addition to his practice he took up radiology, and in this subject he must be ranked as one of the Scottish pioneers.

Shortly after returning to Edinburgh he began to work in the Skin-Department of the Royal Infirmary under the direction of Dr. Allan Jamieson and Sir Norman Walker. Gardiner was appointed Assistant Physician to the Skin Department in 1904, and in 1912 he was appointed full Physician. His term of office should have expired in 1927, but with the assent of the Staff of the Department he was granted an extension of six years.

Gardiner took a keen interest in Dermatology, and was the author of several papers on the subject. He was always ready to try and assess the value of new forms of therapy, and to apply scientific methods as an aid to diagnosis and treatment. He was a popular teacher, and his *Handbook of Skin Diseases* was much appreciated and widely read.

His death on September 8th, 1933, after a long illness, is a great loss to a large circle of colleagues and friends.

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