

OBITUARY.

MAURICE GILBERT HANNAY.

By the death of Maurice Gilbert Hannay, at the early age of 49, British Dermatology loses one of its younger active members.

After a short illness, culminating in a serious operation, he passed away on October 24th, 1924.

The son of British parents, he was educated as a boy at Abingdon Grammar School, and, at the early age of 19, matriculated as a medical student at Charing Cross Hospital. He obtained the Conjoint qualification in 1900, and the M.D. of Brussels with Honours in 1907. In 1919 he became an F.R.C.P. of Edinburgh, and in 1921 an M.R.C.P. of London.

He commenced his professional life in general practice, but, as early as 1903, became specially interested in Dermatology. He first became attached as Clinical Assistant to the Skin-Department of the Victoria Hospital for Children, and later held a similar post at Charing Cross Hospital. He also worked for some time in the Skin Department of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, under Sir Norman Walker.

During the war he served as a temporary captain in the R.A.M.C. In 1900 he was appointed on the staff of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, where he did his principal work. His interest in that institution was undivided, and he was in no small measure responsible for the founding there of the London School of Dermatology, of which he was the first Dean.

During recent years he has contributed articles to the journals on parapsoriasis, pityriasis rubra pilaris, erythema multiforme and urticaria—subjects in which he was particularly interested.

Personally, Hannay was modest and reserved almost to a fault, and unfailingly courteous. Whatever he had to do he did with all his power, and there was about him a quiet tenacity of purpose which enabled him to overcome many difficulties. This tenacity was well seen in the part he took in the prolonged negotiations in connection with the foundation of the London School of Dermatology. His loss to that School leaves a gap which it will be difficult to fill.

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