In Memoriam.

WILLIAM COLLES, M.D. UNIV. DUBL., F.R.C.S.I. ;

Surgeon-in-Ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen in Ireland ;

Consulting Surgeon to Steevens' Hospital,

And to the Rotunda Lying-in Hospital, Dublin.

NOTWITHSTANDING that WILLIAM COLLES had long passed life's mile-stone of four-score years, the tidings of his sudden death on Saturday, June 18, 1892, came to his many friends as a painful surprise. Only a few days before his death, his well-known figure had been seen at the University Club and in the streets of the city. The very end was startling in its suddenness. He had expressed himself as feeling so much better that he was sure his physician would at his expected visit allow him to sit up—a deep sigh or gasp, and in a very few moments all was over !

So died one of the ablest, as he was one of the most modest and retiring, of our Irish surgeons—the worthy inheritor of his father's name—with “honour, love, obedience, troops of friends.”

WILLIAM COLLES was born on July 2, 1809, at No. 13 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. His father was the celebrated surgeon, Abraham Colles, whose description of the fracture of the lower end of the radius has given to this injury the name of “Colles's fracture.” His mother was Sophia, daughter of the Reverend Jonathan Cope, Rector of Ahascragh, Co. Galway. Educated at an Irish school, young COLLES was apprenticed to his father on April 11, 1826, and entered upon his professional studies in the School of Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and at Steevens' Hospital. About the same time he entered Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in Arts in the year 1831. On the 9th of July in the same year he obtained the Letters Testimonial of the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he was elected a Member on May 1, 1837. After obtaining his surgical qualification, COLLES spent some time in the hospitals of Vienna, Berlin, and Göttingen. In 1834 he was elected House Surgeon to Steevens' Hospital, a post which he held for the usual term of seven years, when he became Visiting Surgeon to the Hospital—

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