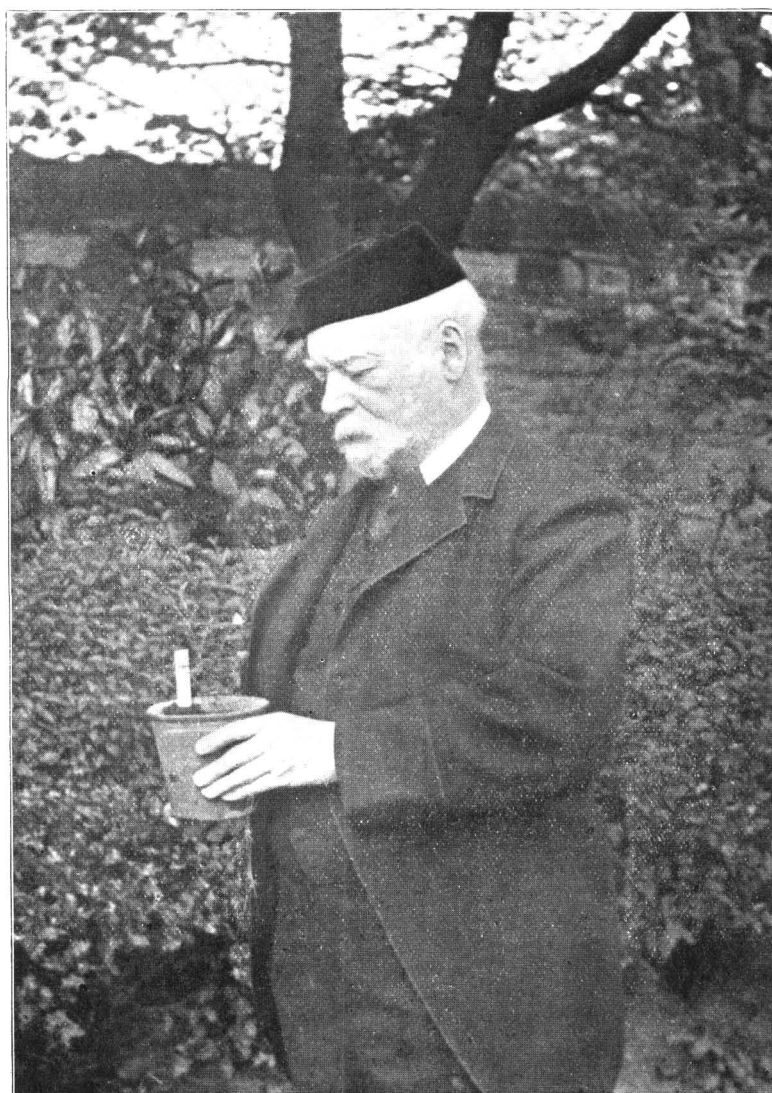


In Memoriam.

RICHARD REYNOLDS, F.C.S.

Mr. Richard Reynolds, who was elected a member of this Society in the year 1864, served as a member of its Council since 1870, and was elected a Vice-President at the Annual Meeting at Bradford in 1894, died at his house, Cliff Road, Hyde Park, Leeds, on April 5th, 1900. He was known and valued by all students of science in Leeds, and one might almost say in Yorkshire. A short account of his useful but unostentatious career will be of interest to those who worked with him for so many years.

Mr. Reynolds came of an old Quaker stock, being descended from John Gurney, the "prisoner of Norwich," who was shut up during three years in gaol for refusing to take a prescribed oath. He was born at Banbury in 1829, being the eldest son of an apothecary, who died when the boy was only four years old. At fourteen Richard Reynolds left school, and was apprenticed to James Deane, a chemist on Clapham Common. Had his training been prolonged he would have made an excellent scholar, for his aptitude for science was remarkable, and his knowledge of books was in after years that of a cultivated man. In spite of a scanty education he was able to take the first places in both botany and chemistry at the very first examination held by the Pharmaceutical Society. This early distinction, and some relationship between the Deanes and the Harveys, may have brought Reynolds to Leeds, where he soon became partner to the late Thomas Harvey. The firm of Harvey & Reynolds became very prosperous, but it is remarkable not only for its commercial success, but for the public services of members of the firm William West, F.R.S., Thomas Harvey, and Richard Reynolds kept up for at least eighty years a succession of cultivated and public-spirited citizens—all good friends of science and education. Both West and Reynolds became in succession lecturers on chemistry at the Leeds Medical School, and Hon. Secretaries to the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society.



Yours faithfully
Rich^d Reynolds

The great service which Reynolds was privileged to render to his own generation and to his adopted county was connected with the foundation of the Yorkshire College. He was Hon. Secretary to the College during its first critical years, and but for his diligence, sagacity, and knowledge of men, the College could hardly have surmounted its early difficulties. For ten years he was its mainspring, and no sacrifice of time and labour seemed too great, if only he could thereby carry the great project one step nearer to complete realisation. The Yorkshire College is, to those who know its inner history, a lasting monument to his indefatigable, though, of course, not unaided exertions.

Mr. Reynolds was active in other directions also. In 1881 he was called upon to preside over the Pharmaceutical Conference during its meeting at York, and wherever he saw a prospect of public usefulness, he was ready with his counsel and support. In private life he was the same amiable and modest man that we knew so well in public—energetic without fuss, well-informed without parade. Leeds and Yorkshire want a succession of such men, but we are not so sanguine as to anticipate that the want will be regularly met.

L. C. MIALL.
