

Frederick Gardiner, M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.E.

DR FREDERICK GARDINER died in Edinburgh on September 8, 1933, after a long illness. He was born in Edinburgh in 1874, and studied medicine at Edinburgh University, graduating M.B., C.M. in 1895. After holding a surgical resident post in Stirling Royal Infirmary, he became Resident Medical Officer at the Dundee Royal Asylum. Later he returned to Edinburgh and took up general practice in the city. He graduated B.Sc. in Public Health in 1901 and M.D. in 1902. In 1904 he was admitted a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. As soon as Dr Gardiner returned to Edinburgh he began to take an interest in X-rays, and did a great deal of pioneer work on that subject. His thesis for the M.D. degree was written on the X-ray appearances in the lungs in pulmonary tuberculosis, and was awarded special commendation. He was appointed radiologist to Leith Hospital in 1901, but gave up that post some months later on his Infirmary appointment. In addition to his other activities he worked as clinical assistant in the Skin Department of the Royal Infirmary, and in 1904 he was appointed an assistant physician to that department. In 1912 he became a full physician to the department and started teaching Dermatology as a lecturer in the University and Extra-mural School. After serving his period of fifteen years as physician and lecturer he was reappointed annually for a further period of six years.

Up till the time of his last illness Dr Gardiner spent a very active life. In addition to attending to a large general and consulting practice, he found time to work in the Laboratory of the Royal College of Physicians. He investigated several dermatological subjects, chief of which was the penetrating power through the skin of various greases. The results of his work were published in various medical journals. For twenty-one years he taught dermatology to successive classes of University and College students, and also took part regularly in the post-graduate teaching. His *Handbook of Skin Diseases* for students reached a third edition. During his whole life he kept up his interest in X-rays, and his early radiological experience enabled him to do much pioneer work in the treatment of skin diseases with X-rays. During the War he acted as one of the Consultants in Dermatology for the Edinburgh area at the Edinburgh War Hospital at Bangour. Everything Gardiner undertook he did with great keenness and energy, and, owing to his cheerful disposition, he was very popular with his patients and students.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1923.

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