

Obituary.

SIR WILLIAM ROBERT WILLS WILDE,

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ONCE more it is our melancholy duty to chronicle the death of an illustrious *confrère*—one to whom this Journal owed much of its prosperity and its fame. SIR WILLIAM WILDE, after many months of slowly-failing health, passed from amongst us on Wednesday, April 19, in the sixty-second year of his age. His death leaves a blank in our professional and social circles which can with difficulty be filled. A skilful surgeon, a most learned archæologist and antiquarian, a generous host, and a warm-hearted Irishman—such were the parts in the drama of life which it was SIR WILLIAM'S good fortune to sustain. How admirably he did so the history of his life most truly tells.

For us, his death is, indeed, a calamity. We have lost the author of the classical "Editor's Preface" to the first volume of this Journal, and the able contributor to its pages of many biographies and original communications. The first of our predecessors in the Editorial Chair, SIR WILLIAM WILDE for many years devoted his best energies to the advancement of *The Dublin Journal of Medical Science*; and it is with no little satisfaction we can say that at present it is conducted on the very lines laid down by him just thirty years ago.

The history of his eventful life should have found a place in our pages, were it not that one of our weekly contemporaries—*The Medical Times and Gazette*—anticipates the mournful duty, and merely leaves to us thus briefly to record the death of our distinguished countryman.

THE EDITORS.

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