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#### OBITUARY.

WILLIAM RAWES, F.R.C.S.Eng., M.D.Durh.

To the great number of the friends of Dr. Rawes the news of his death came as a sudden shock, as few had heard of any severe illness. There is no doubt that the closing of St. Luke's Hospital was in a measure a great sorrow to him, though he was looking forward to a well-earned holiday. He told the writer that he felt parting from the majority of the patients as old friends, and these same feelings were, I know, reciprocated by the patients.

Dr. Rawes was educated at the London Hospital. After qualifying in 1885 he was appointed House-Physician to Drs. Hughlings Jackson and Stephen Mackenzie, and later to a House-Surgeoncy under Mr. John Couper. A few years later he became Assistant Medical Officer at St. Luke's (July, 1891). He was made Medical Superintendent on December 26th, 1898 (upon the retirement of Dr. George Mickley), and was still an officer on the date of his death, March 6th, 1917. Dr. Rawes attended frequently the meetings of the Association, and on two occasions the South-Eastern Division met and were hospitably entertained at St. Luke's.

A former assistant and intimate friend writes:

"He was a man of wide intelligence, great intellectual powers, and of detached views. He thought for himself, and refused to take anyone's views or teaching without first examining it closely. Main and broad questions, and practical subjects in his work as alienist, were those to which he devoted his mind, but he refused to waste his time and intellectual energy on any impractical or futile subjects, or those, as a rule, of purely academic interest. His advice in cases of mental disease, and also in all medical and surgical cases, was always most valuable, as it was not only sound, but enlightening from its practical standpoint.

"The guiding principles of his life were truth, honesty, and justice, and these endeared him to his friends, his patients, and to all who worked with him, as one on whom they could rely, and to whom they could give their best service. He also possessed a fine sense of humour, which is essential to success. His principal recreations were foreign travel and reading history and travel. At such sport and games of skill as he could practice he was good, and enjoyed them. He was a keen Mason, and Treasurer of the London Hospital Lodge."