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JOHN MATTHEW FORTESCUE-BRICKDALE, M.A., M.D.OxoN., M.R.C.P.LOND.,
Physician, Bristol Royal Infirmary.

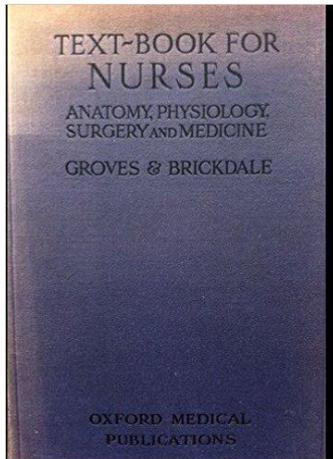
THE death of Dr. Fortescue-Brickdale at the early age of 51 has deprived the profession in Bristol of a physician who combined a scientific knowledge of medicine with a wide knowledge of literature and a love of the arts, especially music. He was the younger son of the late Matthew Inglett Fortescue-Brickdale, conveyancing counsel to the Court of Chancery. Educated at Dulwich College, Christ Church, Oxford, and Guy's Hospital, he settled in Bristol in 1903. Soon after his arrival he was appointed assistant physician to the Royal Hospital for Women and Children. He also held the appointment of lecturer in pharmacology in the University of Oxford. In 1908 he was elected assistant physician to the Bristol Royal Infirmary and physician in 1919. At the time of his death he was physician to Clifton College and director of the University Public Health Laboratory. During the war Dr. Fortescue-Brickdale served for two years in France, and contracted there a severe illness, from which he seemed never to have recovered completely. Upon his return from France he was given charge of a special centre at the 2nd Southern General Hospital, Southmead, for cases of chest wounds, on which he published a report in the *Quarterly Journal of Medicine* in 1918. His other publications included a book written in collaboration with Professor Francis, *The Chemical Basis of Pharmacology, A Practical Guide to the Newer Remedies, A Textbook for Nurses* (with Mr. Hey Groves), and *A Textbook of Pharmacology and Medical Treatment for Nurses*. His literary-accomplishments made him a valued member of the editorial staff of the *Bristol Medico-Chirurgical Journal*.

Apart from his exceptional intellectual endowments, Fortescue-Brickdale was possessed of a singular personal charm. Grave of aspect, he had nevertheless a deep fund of humour, and could talk entertainingly on any topic. An old Oxford friend writes of him, "He was never one to reply monosyllabically to any remark; he had something of the touchstone in his composition; full of wit himself, he was as often the cause of wit in others." He took part in many local activities, and for some years before his death had been churchwarden at All Saints Church, Clifton; for he belonged in religious thought to the school of George Herbert and Nicholas Ferrar. By family connexions he had long associations with Bristol, and his death is deeply deplored, not only by his medical confreres and by the masters and boys of Clifton College, but by a wide circle of friends who knew his sterling worth. He leaves a widow and two sons.

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