GEORGE MUNRO SMITH, T.D., CONSULTING SURGEON TO THE BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.

DR MUNRO SMITH, who died on January 13th, was the son of Mr. W. Smith, who practised for many years in Clifton. He received his early education at Clifton College, and entered as a student in Bristol Medical School in 1874. He studied with exemplary diligence in the wards of the Royal Infirmary, and won the Clark Scholarship and gold medals for medicine and surgery. He took the diploma of M.R.C.S. in 1879, and that of L.R.C.P. in 1880. Returning to Bristol, he was made lecturer on physiology to the Bristol Medical School, and his connexion with the Royal Infirmary was renewed when he was chosen as demonstrator of morbid anatomy. He was elected assistant surgeon in 1889, and he became full surgeon in 1897; on his resignation in 1909 he was placed on the consulting staff. His interest in the Royal Infirmary never flagged, and at the request of its managing committee he undertook to write its history. Fortunately Dr. Munro Smith was able to complete the revision of this work before his deace, and we understand that it will shortly be published by Messrs. Arrowsmith.' He was president of the Bath and Bristol Branch of the British Medical Association in 1909. In 1912 Dr Munro Smith received the diploma of M.D. Bristol honoris causa. He was on the staff of the 2nd Southern General Hospital with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel R.A.M.C.(T.). He attended the hospital at Southmead daily, and did not cease to discharge his duties until compelled to do so by serious deterioration of his health.

Dr Munro Smith will be remembered by some of the readers of the JOURNAL for his contribution "On the varieties of hepatic cirrhosis" (vol. i, 1888, p. 1381), which led to a correspondence with Dr Robert Saundby on the question of a tuberculous type of that disease. Dr Munro Smith also wrote in the Bristol Medico-Chirurgical Journal of 1884 on "The cardiograph in medicine," and contributed to other medical serials. He was a keen lover of animals, and was President of the British Naturalists' Society. Being a good amateur actor he greatly aided the local medical dramatic club in attaining success.

Link to Munro Smith’s History of the BRI: https://ia902707.us.archive.org/25/items/historyofbristol00smit/historyofbristol00smit.pdf

His papers to BNS
1885  Sleep and Dreams
1887  On Wine Drinking, and its Effects on the Human Body
1888  Notes on the Water-cells of the Camel's Stomach
1911  Nature's Appeal (Inaugural Address)
1912  The Point of View (Annual Address)