

for some weeks but was only confined to bed about two days. He was unmarried and had his surgery and living rooms in the Backus block. The janitress found him dead in his bed on the morning of June 13th.

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The death of Dr. William Miller Ord took place on the 14th May, marks the termination of a very successful and laborious career.

Dr. Ord was the eldest son of Mr. Ord, who had a large practice at Streatham. He was educated at King's College and took the degree of M.B. London in 1857, after a brilliant career at St. Thomas's Hospital, to which institution he became house surgeon and subsequently surgical registrar. Circumstances at that time obliged him to go into general practice and for some years he assisted his father at Streatham, an experience which he always asserted proved of the greatest possible service to him. After some years he was appointed lecturer on zoology at St. Thomas's Hospital. In 1869 he was admitted to the membership of the Royal College of Physicians, and two years subsequently, the hospital having meanwhile been removed to its present site, he was elected assistant physician. He occupied successively the lectureship on physiology and that of medicine, succeeding the famed Dr. Murchison.

Dr. Ord's name will perhaps be best remembered in connection with the important work which he carried out in elucidating the clinical future of the then new disease, myxedema. He was secretary to the Committee of the Clinical Society appointed to investigate the disease, and his researches were conducted with such care and completeness that his writings on the subject really left little to be added. It is to Dr. Ord, indeed, that we owe the designation "myxedema," which has been universally accepted. Another remarkable series of investigations bore fruit in a paper on "The Influence of Colloids on Crystalline Forms and Cohesions," which fully explained the varying forms of crystals which fall in urinary sediments. Dr. Ord also devoted an immense amount of labor to the compilation of the "Nomenclature of Diseases"—a task assumed by the Royal College of Physicians. This work will remain as a lasting monument of skill and comprehensiveness in classification.

Dr. Ord's health began to fail three years ago, after repeated attacks of influenza, but he continued to practice. His health, however, steadily declined, until about two years ago, when he