

FREDERICK LESSORE

Frederick Lessore only son of Jules Lessore, the watercolor painter, was born in England, February 19th, 1879, at Southwick, in Sussex. From early childhood he manifested a singular inclination for drawing, displaying such facility that his father often hesitated to show his drawings to friends, fearing that they would think he himself had worked on them, so far ahead were these early productions of anything that one might expect from a child.

Several delightful portraits of him exist painted by Matthew Maris, a life long friend of the Lessore family, one of them in the collection of Mr. Shepherd of Scranton, Penn., and another in that of Mr. William Burrell in Scotland.

At the age of 12, Lessore was sent to France, when facilities for education were at that time considered greater than in England. The death of his father in the following year, though it was to have great influence in the career of the artist in putting him under the necessity of supporting himself at an early date, did not withdraw him from Paris, which