
William Hodgson Ellis

how things that had seemed so large to his childish mind—the foot-bridge, the fish in the river and so on—were after all no bigger there than anywhere else! On one of his visits to Hoddesdon he took down with him "Alice in Wonderland", which had just come out, and he has often told me how he remembered reading it under the apple trees at Rose Hill, and rolling over with shrieks of laughter!

In 1871 he returned to Toronto with the qualification of L.R.C.P., and practised medicine for a few months, living in a small house at the corner of Church and Alexander Streets. In October 1871 he became Professor of Chemistry in the Medical Faculty of Trinity College, and subsequently lecturer in chemistry in Trinity College itself. He was also lecturer in Chemistry in the College of Technology.

In 1872 Rev. William Ellis died and my grandfather, who was on his way to visit him, remained in England to write his biography, which he published in 1873. It proved, however, too much for his health, which had been failing for some time, and he returned to Canada only to die in 1874 at the age of fifty six years.