

WILLIAMS, ARTHUR WYNN (1819 - 1886), physician and antiquary

Name: Arthur Wynn Williams
Date of birth: 1819
Date of death: 1886
Gender: Male
Occupation: physician and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Medicine
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a native of Caernarvonshire. He was admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1843, became a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries in 1844, and obtained the degree of M.A. at S. Andrews University in 1847. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, and was for a period physician to the Caernarvonshire and Anglesey infirmary. After practising for some years at Caernarvon, he removed to London. He was the author of *Cancer of the Uterus and other Parts* (London, 1868), and was a frequent contributor to the medical journals. His most valuable contribution to medicine was his advocacy of the use of iodine as an antiseptic and of bromine as a cure for cancer. He also took a keen interest in Welsh literature and Celtic archaeology. He wrote *Descriptions of British and Druidical Remains in the neighbourhood of Caernarvon*, and *King Arthur's Well, Llanddeiniolen, near Caernarvon - a chalybeate spring, with directions for its use*; a Welsh translation of the latter was published also. He died 15 November 1886, aged 67 years, and was buried in Paddington cemetery on 19 November

Author

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