

## SIR WILLIAM HALE-WHITE KBE, MD, FRCP (1870-74)

He was born on 7 November 1857 and his father was also William Hale-White, who was a famous British writer and civil servant. His father went under the pseudonym **Mark Rutherford** (see <http://www.concentric.net/~Djfrench/main.htm> )



He was given an honorary doctorate of Law at the University of Edinburgh in 1927.

He was a physician at Guy's Hospital from 1886 to 1926, but was associated with Guys for more than 70 years. Assistant physician to Guy's Hospital 1886, Physician 1890 and Consulting physician from 1917.

He was past president of the Royal Society of Medicine, Vice-Chairman, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, which he represented at the funeral of Queen Alexandra, Westminster Abbey, on 27 November 1925, Chairman of Queen Mary's Hospital, Physician at King Edward VII Hospital, Hon Sec of the Chemical Society, President of the Medical Society of London, Councillor of British Red Cross Society, Chairman of Bedford College London, Treasurer of Epsom College, Councillor of British Empire Cancer Campaign. He was also Croonian Lecturer to the Royal College of Physicians in 1897, President of the Section of Pharmacology, British Medical Association 1913 and Harveian Orator 1927.

During WW1 served in Royal Army Medical Corps. City of London Territorial Hospital, with the rank of Lt-Col.

He was awarded the KBE (Civil) in 1919.

He reproduced the *Anatomical and Physiological Note Book* (1934) compiled by Keats and wrote *Keats as Doctor and Patient* (1938). In 1935 he published "*Great Doctors of the Nineteenth Century*" which gives 17 biographies of British doctors including Edward Jenner, Thomas Addison, James Paget, Lord Lister and Richard Bright. He is author of many books – Books by OF section.

He is quoted in *Medical Mavericks* as saying "People who will attack any innovation, however true and beneficent it may be, always have existed and always will exist."

He died on 26 February 1949, aged 91.

