

MEMORIAL.

JOHN MADISON TAYLOR, A.M., M.D.

Born July 4, 1855—Died October 3, 1931.

By GUY HINSDALE, M.D.

Dr. Taylor joined this Association thirty-six years ago and made many contributions to the annual programs. He had a particularly attractive personality; he was strikingly handsome and genuine in his attachment to his friends. He was a Princeton graduate of 1876, and of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1878. After serving as resident physician he became assistant physician to the Children's Hospital and later professor of diseases of children in the Philadelphia Polyclinic.

The most important influence on his professional career was his service in the clinic of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell at the Infirmary for Nervous Diseases and the attachment Dr. Mitchell had for him. Dr. Taylor and I assisted Dr. Mitchell in a great deal of his private and hospital practice and it was in this connection that I came to know him intimately.

Taylor had a remarkable eye for form and color and he furnished many illustrations in color for the scientific papers of Dr. Mitchell, especially in his later studies and experiments on snake venom, which were published by the Smithsonian Institution. He did this also for Keen in papers on brain surgery.

Through Dr. Mitchell he came in contact with many distinguished people whose recovery of health was no doubt hastened by the enthusiastic coöperation of the young assistant whose sympathy and tact inevitably won him friends.

Dr. Taylor was married on October 15, 1879, to Emily, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Drayton. Mrs. Taylor is a well-known miniature painter and president of the Pennsylvania Society of Miniature Painters. Two daughters and a son, Percival Drayton Taylor, also survive. His brother is Dr. William J. Taylor, a well-known surgeon of Philadelphia.

Dr. Taylor was a charter member of the University Club, Philadelphia; he was also a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia for forty-five years; the Philadelphia Country Club; the Fencing and Sparring Club and many other organizations. He was a voluminous and interesting writer and won a high place in our profession.

We sincerely mourn his passing.