

William Moore

Born	1827
President	1882-1883
Died	1901

William Moore, born in Ballymoney, County Antrim on 13 November 1827, was the eldest son of Alexander Moore. The Moore family had been settled in Ballymoney since the reign of King James VI of Scotland (subsequently King James I of England) at the beginning of the seventeenth century, and were extensive landowners at that time. The young William's early education was entrusted to Rev Stephen Gwynne, Rector of Portstewart, an Anglican pastor whose interest in education had led him to establish a school. A granddaughter of Stephen Gwynne, Lucy Penelope Gwynn, was to become the first Lady Registrar at Trinity College.

On the completion of his childhood education, William entered Trinity in 1843, graduating in Arts in 1848, and in Medicine in 1850. In the latter year, he also obtained the Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. During his time as a medical student, he had studied at the Meath Hospital and had served as clinical clerk to both Stokes (qv) and Graves (qv). He began his practice of medicine as the dispensary doctor in his native Ballymoney, holding that appointment from 1851 to 1855. After spending four years in this post, he returned to Dublin and was admitted a Licentiate of the College of Physicians in 1855, becoming Lecturer in Materia Medica in Trinity College Dublin in 1856. In 1859, he was elected a Fellow of the College of Physicians, and in 1860 he took his MD degree. In 1861, he became Lecturer in Medicine at the Ledwich School, and he also obtained positions on the staff of Mercer's Hospital and at the Pitt Street Institution for the Diseases of Children. From September 1861, he was on the board of governors of Mercer's. In 1868, he became King's Professor of the Practice of Medicine in Trinity, a post which brought with it an appointment as Physician to Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

William Moore played an active part in the Irish medical world, being involved with the Irish branch of the BMA, a founder member of the Dublin branch and its President in 1889. In 1887, when the BMA held its annual meeting in Dublin, he presided over the Medical Section. He contributed regularly to the medical journals of the day, and established a reputation for expertise in the diseases of childhood, and in fevers. From 1887 to 1897, he was Ireland's representative on the General Medical Council.

In 1866, he succeeded to the family estate of Moore Lodge and, from then on, he fulfilled, in addition to his medical duties in Dublin, the duties in Antrim of a landed gentleman. He was a JP for County Antrim and for the year 1890 he held the appointment of High Sheriff of Antrim.



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He continued to apply himself to his medical and civic duties until he suffered a cerebro-vascular accident in early 1900. Though he made a partial recovery, he was unable to return to practice and in 1901 a further episode led to his death on 17 April, in his 74th year.

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