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## OBITUARY NOTICE.

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THE LATE PROFESSOR HODGES, M.D., F.I.C., Etc.

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death, on Dec. 13, 1899, at Belfast, of Professor Hodges, who had attained the venerable age of eighty-four years, and was a distinguished member of our society. He was born and educated at Downpatrick, and afterwards studied medicine at Dublin and Glasgow, qualifying at both places. During his stay at the latter city Mr. Hodges made the acquaintance of Professor Graham, who strongly advised him to devote his talents exclusively to chemistry. Mr. Hodges, however, preferred to adhere to his original intention, and commenced the practice of medicine at Newcastle, afterwards removing to Downpatrick. He there evinced much ability as a lecturer, and became so deeply interested in agriculture that this induced him to proceed to Giessen to study chemistry under Liebig, where his ability and diligence so interested the Baron that the two became intimate friends. At Giessen he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Hodges then returned to Downpatrick, and there delivered a lecture on agriculture, which attracted so much attention that one of its results was the formation of the Chemico-Agricultural Society of Ulster, in 1845, to which Dr. Hodges was appointed chemist. He removed to Belfast in 1844, and shortly afterwards was appointed Professor of Chemistry in the old Belfast College. On the foundation of a Chair of Agriculture in Queen's College, Belfast, Dr. Hodges was chosen as its first occupant, and also as Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence there. Both of these positions he held to the day of his death. He was also Lecturer on Agriculture at the Glasnevin Agricultural School. Dr. Hodges wrote many treatises and papers, which had a wide circulation. He was one of the founders of the Royal College of Chemistry, London. He held many important offices. For a long time he was Government Analyst, also Public Analyst for Belfast, and for five Irish counties. He was a corresponding member of the Dublin Natural History Society, member of the Royal Academies of Agriculture of Sweden, and of Turin, and of the Imperial College of Gorygoretzt, Russia; also a Justice of the Peace for County Antrim.