

Medical Anniversary

WILLIAM PRICE, 4 MARCH 1800

William Price (1800-1893) was born in Ty'nycodcae, South Wales, the third son of Reverend William Price. He was to become one of the most romantic and rebellious characters in Welsh medical history. He qualified at St Bartholomew's in 1821, and entered practice in Nantgarw, moving later to nearby Pontypridd. He wore the dress of ancient druids, with fox-skin head-dress, white tunic, scarlet waistcoat and green trousers. He ridiculed orthodox religion and sanctimonious preachers and advocated cremation; indeed, he cremated his beloved five-month-old son that he had named Jesus Christ. He died in Llantrisant on 23 January 1893, just short of his ninety-third birthday. — DO James
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