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DR. I. BURTON ROBERTS (1874-19xx) AND FAMILY

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"The study of biography is by nature the most universally profitable, universally pleasant of all things," said Carlyle, and this statement of the philosopher is certainly verified when we turn our attention to the life records of such men as Dr. I. Burton Roberts, whose sole aim and purpose is the alleviation of pain and the restoration to health of those afflicted with bodily ailments through the instrumentality of his skill and ability in the line of his profession, which is one of the most noble in which men or women can labor. He is a descendant of an English ancestry, representatives of which have resided in Chester county, Pennsylvania, for many years.

WILLIAM ROBERTS, grandfather of Dr. Roberts, was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and there lived and died. He was a farmer, conducting his operations on a farm consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres, held township offices, and was a member of the Society of Friends. He married Susanna Havard, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living at the present time (1913).

ISAAC ROBERTS, father of Dr. Roberts, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, educated and married. Later he removed to Philadelphia and there resided for twelve years, and then removed to Norristown, Pennsylvania, and during all this period of time served as ticket agent at the old Ninth and Green street station of the Reading railway, serving in that capacity at the time of his death, in 1876. He answered to the call of President Lincoln for emergency men during the progress of the civil war, term of enlistment for from ninety to one hundred days. He was a member of the Society of Friends, and a Republican in politics. He married Annie Daniels, born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, died in 1878, daughter of Thomas Daniels and Sarah Daniels, natives of Chester county and descendants of a Welsh ancestry, whose deaths occurred in Chester county, they being known and respected in the community in which they resided. Mr. Daniels was a farmer of Easttown township, and he and his wife were the parents of six children, all of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had two children:

1. Allen Roberts, died in 1887, aged fifteen years;
2. I. Burton Roberts, of whom further [see below].

DR. I. BURTON ROBERTS was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1874. He attended the public schools of Chester county, and later the Friends' Central School in his native city, and then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1897. He at once engaged in active practice in the town of Dublin, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years, then moved to Delaware county, Pennsylvania, locating in Broomall, where he remained for four years, and in the spring of 1905 moved to Llanerch, his present residence. His practice has been of a general character, and his patronage has increased with each passing year, he having won prestige as one of the most successful and able

physicians in that section of Delaware county, being highly esteemed in professional as well as in social circles. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought along the line of his profession by membership in the Chester County Medical Society, and is a member of the Philadelphia Alumni Society of University of Pennsylvania; Alpha Mu Pi Omega, a medical fraternity; the Philadelphia Medical Club, and Kappa Sigma, a college fraternity. He is a member of the Society of Friends, and a Republican in politics, having served as school director in Haverford and Marple townships. Dr. Roberts married, in 1895, Bessie Sloan, a native of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Malachi W. Sloan. Children:

1. Elizabeth Roberts,
2. Burton Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Episcopal church, in which she takes an active interest. Both Dr. Roberts and his wife hold an enviable position in social circles and have the sincere regard of many friends.

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