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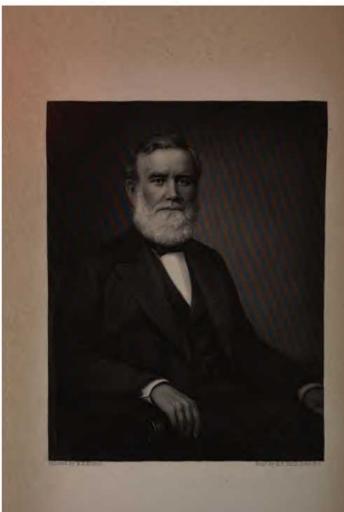
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This biographical memoir, in abstract, was read before the New York State Medical Association at its ninth annual meeting, held in the city of New York, November 15, 16, and 17, 1892. It has since been enlarged and altered to conform to the opinions of the family and friends.

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THE life labor of the true physician is made up of acts for the betterment of humanity. It was the physician's benevolence and self-devotion to the sick that earned for him from his Divine Master the designation of "the beloved physician." In all communities his death is regarded as a public loss, and particularly so is this the case when, in advancing years, his labors have been supplemented by unostentatious charity. The subject of this memorial died in the city of New York, on the twenty-ninth day of August, 1891, and the funeral rites relating to his death were solemnized at his residence, 16 West 30th St., on Sept. 2d. A large attendance of friends, and distinguished members of the medical profession, were present on the occasion. He was an honored member of the medical profession. He was cut down by the grim messenger like a shock of corn ripe in its season. It is a wise custom, fragrant with sweet influence, that makes it a duty to halt for a brief period from usual labors and pay a tribute of praise to the memory of departed friends, to enumerate their virtues and commemorate their labors. To the personal friends of Dr. Du Bois but little can be said which will add to the sum of their recollections of his generous impulses and many virtues; but there are those who are enjoying the fruits of his wise counsels, and the benefits of his earnest and indefatigable labors, who are not familiar with the events of his life.

On Dr. Du Bois' paternal side he was of French Huguenot descent, his first ancestor in America being Jaques Du Bois, father of Peter Du Bois who was born in Holland in 1674, and came to America the same year with his parents, and finally settled near Wiltwyck, now Kingston, N. Y. Peter Du Bois married Jannetje Burhans.

The subject of this memoir was a descendant of Jaques Du Bois in the fifth generation, and was the fourth son of Coert Du Bois and Mary Thorn. He was born in Red Hook, Dutchess County, N. Y., on the fifth day of April, 1810. Shortly after his birth his parents removed to Rhinebeck, where he remained until he was fifteen years old. He was then sent to a private school kept by a Mr. Holcomb at Granby, Conn., where he was fitted for college. In 1827–28 he entered the sophomore class of Washington (now Trinity) College in Hartford, Conn. He was graduated in arts from that institution in 1830. He then returned to Rhinebeck, where he com-