

HICKS, HENRY (1837 - 1899), physician and geologist

Name: Henry Hicks
Date of birth: 1837
Date of death: 1899
Spouse: Mary Hicks (née Richardson)
Parent: Anne Hicks (née Griffiths)
Parent: Thomas Hicks
Gender: Male
Occupation: physician and geologist
Area of activity: Medicine; Nature and Agriculture; Science and Mathematics
Author: Frederick John North

Born at S. Davids, 26 May 1837, son of Thomas Hicks, surgeon, and Anne, daughter of William Griffiths, Carmarthen. He studied medicine at Guy's Hospital, London, and then practised at S. Davids; there he met J. W. Salter, who was engaged in palaeontological work for the geological survey, and acquired a liking for geology. Although remaining in practice, eventually becoming head of a private asylum at Hendon, he is best known for his geological work and was, in turn, secretary (1890-2) and president (1896-8) of the Geological Society. He was awarded the society's Bigsby medal in 1883 and elected F.R.S. in 1885. In addition to a few medical papers Hicks wrote over sixty on geological subjects, mainly relating to the older rocks on the S. Davids district and in the Scottish highlands, the bone caves of Ffynnon Beuno and Cae Gwyn, North Wales, and various glacial and post-glacial deposits. Much of his work was in controversial fields and he was a keen but considerate adversary. He married, 1864, Mary, daughter of Arthur Richardson, vicar of S. Dogmells, Pembrokeshire. He died 18 November 1899.

Author

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