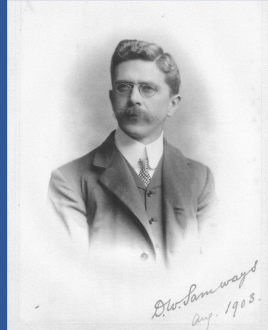




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FLAVELL LECTURE



Dr Samways Writes to the Editor

The life and times of an exceptional physician
1857-1931

Tom Treasure

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Tracing back the history of mitral stenosis during a mid-career sabbatical at The Wellcome Institute I found an article in The Lancet of 1898 by D W Samways of Mentone proposing heart surgery. He was an inveterate writer of "Letters to the Editor" on many and varied topics— blood-letting, eradication of mosquitos, health spas, sea water injections, typhoid fever, vaccination—and his own tuberculosis which is what took him to the French Riviera. Unable to practise in France during the 1914-18 war, he worked at a War Hospital in Exeter. He continued to write—on the design of ambulances, treatment of contaminated wounds, bandaging, fractures, anaesthetics—always with scientific curiosity and humanity. Dr Samways is my guide, witness and chronicler for my second Flavell Lecture.

6pm, Wednesday 16 June 2021 (Virtual)

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