

Vinges, Vinge, William, 1609.

Ving, Edward, 1645.

Vinge, John, 1655.

Vindage, Ralph, 1617.

Vinold, John, 1634.

Vincent, Thomas, 1685.

Garrow, William, 1645.

York, Isaac, 1619.

Yates, James, 1693.

## Review

*Dr. John Radcliffe, a Sketch of his Life, with an account of his Fellows and Foundations.* By J. B. Nias, M.D., M.R.C.P., *Radcliffe Travelling Fellow*, 1882-5. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, A.D. 1918.

Dr. Radcliffe's name is writ large in Oxford. The Radcliffe Library, the Radcliffe Observatory, the Radcliffe Infirmary, his benefactions to University College, Radcliffe Quad, and his Travelling Fellowships, are known and read of all men, and form a list of benefactions that few records can equal. Hitherto the memory of such a generous and munificent benefactor has hardly received due justice. The biography of William Pittis, written soon after Radcliffe's death, is unworthy and not very creditable, and it is strange that the University which has benefited so largely by his generosity should not have produced a fitting memoir. We welcome cordially Dr. Nias's book, but even this interesting work is not exhaustive, and a large portion of the volume is taken up with the biography of the Fellows rather than of the founder. The author's main object was to commemorate Radcliffe's Fellows and not Radcliffe himself, and we agree with him that there is still need for an adequate life of the eminent physician. It is the story of an able youth born in poor circumstances, who raised himself by his ability and shrewdness to be one of the first doctors of his time. He

was the medical attendant of the Princess Anne, afterwards Queen Anne, with whom he quarrelled, and also of William III, and of many of the titled persons of the time. He amassed a great fortune, estimated by Hearne at £140,000, and devoted it to the University of Oxford for the advancement of the study of natural science and medicine. His trustees nobly carried out the intentions of the great benefactor, and the three great institutions that bear his name are perhaps the best memorials of the great physician. Dr. Nias has devoted much research in rescuing from oblivion the lives of the Travelling Fellows, some of whom are known to fame and who have attained to honourable eminence in their profession. Appended to the volume are short valuable descriptions of the Observatory by Dr. Rambaut, the Library by Dr. Hatchett Jackson, and of Radcliffe's connection with University College by the Master, Dr. Macan. The book should be read by all Oxford men, and especially by those who belong to the medical profession.

