

EDWARD SMITH (?1818-1874) F.R.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

PROFESSOR CARLETON B. CHAPMAN of the University of Texas is anxious to trace letters and unpublished material relating to Edward Smith (? 1818-74), F.R.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

Very little appears to be known of Smith beyond the brief details given in the *Dictionary of National Biography*, *Munk's Roll*, *Plarr's Lives* and the obituary notices in the *British Medical Journal* and *Lancet*. He was born at Hleanor, Derbyshire, and educated at Queen's College, Birmingham, and the University of London, where he gained the degrees M.B., M.D., LL.B. He practised in London from 1851 as physiologist, nutritionist and chest physician. He was a Lecturer at the Charing Cross Medical School from 1852 and associated with the Brompton Road Hospital. He was also associated with the Poor Law administration, particularly as a dietician. He died on 16 November 1874 at 140 Harley Street.

Professor Chapman would be deeply appreciative if anyone able to provide additional unpublished information on Smith, or who knows the whereabouts of his heirs, would contact him at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas 35, Texas.

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