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FRS FLS etc. pharmacologist, Quaker and botanist.

Travelled and corresponded extensively to obtain specimens for his study of pharmacognosy and ***Chinese materia medica*** – his notes on the latter may be read here:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/notesonchinesemOOhanbgoog#page/n4/mode/2up>

The Pharmaceutical Society commemorates him with the Hanbury medal. Hanbury's Herbarium was donated to the Pharmaceutical Company and details may be found here :

<http://www.archive.org/stream/catalogueofhanbu1892holm#page/n9/mode/1up>

He assisted younger brother Sir Thomas Hanbury in laying out La Mortola gardens at Ventimiglia. Disliked alcohol and tobacco, avoided meat and never married ; he died from *enteric fever*. The snippet below is from his obituary in the Journal of Botany, 1875.

year, all his work is characterised by the same unusual and minute accuracy and care. A member of the Society of Friends, his was an example of the quiet and harmless life so often seen in that body; abstemious and hard-working, he possessed remarkable activity of both body and mind; and, quite unequalled in the knowledge of his speciality, his loss causes a blank which must long remain unfilled. He was elected F.R.S. in 1867, and his death makes a vacancy in the treasurership of the Linnean Society, to which he was elected last year. The late Dr. Seemann named a handsome Cucurbitaceous plant after Mr. Hanbury in 1858.

Exchanged plants with W W Saunders.

Image below taken from a sheet at H@H :

A memoir of Daniel Hanbury and his work may be read in [Science Papers](#) – from which his likeness is taken.

Mr. Sutton Hayes, a zealous and enterprising botanist, residing at Panama, has recently sent to England some small sets of plants collected in that interesting locality. They are mostly named and in good condition, and may be had for £2. 2s. per hundred. Mr. Daniel Hanbury, of Plough Court, Lombard Street, London, has kindly consented to distribute them.

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