

A main object of his life finds emphatic expression in the dedication of his *Medicina Nautica* to Earl Howe, admiral, the flag officers, captains, and other officers of the fleet: "It has been my wish to make the duties of the medical profession subservient to the comfort and happiness of men that have earned laurels for you, and given security to their country." To have been the means of raising the health of our navy from the lowest standard—a standard which long made a ship of war an object of aversion to seamen—to a degree which has no parallel among any other class of men; to have enabled the Channel Fleet, whose very existence was at one time endangered by the terrible ravages of scurvy, to keep at sea in a state of health and high efficiency at a most momentous period in the history of this country; to have laid down a health system adapted to all time, to all classes, and to all climates, are no mean titles to glory; and that glory, so honourably earned, posterity has awarded to the illustrious names of Lind, Blane, and Trotter, whose peers in their own department—when we except Sir John Pringle and Jackson in the army—none of our public services have produced either before or since their day. Coming down to later times we have the honoured name, the reputation far beyond European, of Sir John Richardson—the undaunted traveller, the man of science, and the skilled and humane physician. This museum, where he long and usefully laboured, is of itself a monument of his devotion to those branches of science which he illustrated. And did it not misbecome me to speak of those still in office and authority, I could with great advantage to my case dwell upon the high professional attainments, the long and eminent services, the rare administrative power, the untiring solicitude for the welfare of the service throughout, which characterise the present director-general, and which, as they have beneficially influenced the past, augur favourably for the future of the department. I might advert to such names as Lord Brougham and the Duke of Richmond in the Lords, and Boldero, Wakley, and others, in the Commons, who have benefited the service by their advocacy of the cause of naval medical officers. It will, however, be sufficient if you will bear with me while I bring before you in a few words those statesmen who, while holding the office of First Lord of the Admiralty, thought it not unworthy of them to inquire into the condition of the medical department, and make such changes and improvements as the occasion demanded. And prominently in the foreground of such a view stand the first Lord Melville and Sir John Pakington. The bust of Lord Melville, executed by Chantrey, was placed here by a generation of our brethren now almost passed away, commemorative of him who, as First Lord of the Admiralty in 1805, obtained an order in council for the medical officers, which in that day was properly regarded as the greatest boon that had ever been granted them. To Sir Francis Baring and Sir Charles Wood, who in 1850 and 1855 respectively held the office of First Admiralty Lord, the gratitude of the medical officers is also due for the improvements effected in the department while under their rule. Those who read the warrant of Lord Melville of 1805, and that as well as the speeches in Parliament of Sir John Pakington, in 1859, will find a remarkable identity of object and purpose, even of the language used on the two occasions, and certainly an identity of view as to the course to be taken in respect to the medical officers. Both statesmen, in framing their respective warrants, appear to have considered it quite as much a privilege as a duty in endeavouring to provide for the case of our gallant sailors, subject to all the horrors of war, as well as to the baneful influences of climate, medical attendance not inferior to that enjoyed by the civil portion of the community. They were, in fact, actuated, not alone by the comparatively narrow motive of advancing the medical officers in rank, privilege, and emolument, but also by the higher consideration that the just elevation of those officers was conducive to the well-being of every other class of officers, indeed of the whole naval service, and consequently of this country, which in the hour of need looks to the navy as its main protection. For these reasons it has seemed to us that this bust of Sir John Pakington, executed by the Baron Marochetti, and alike admirable as a work of art and faithful representation of the right hon. baronet, can nowhere stand so appropriately as in this museum, in companionship with that of Lord Melville, who, like himself, was an eminent benefactor of the medical department of the royal navy.

Captain HASTINGS said it had afforded him much gratification to be present at this inauguration, and quite concurred in what had fallen from Dr. M'William with respect to Haslar being the most appropriate place for the bust of the right honourable baronet.

Dr. DOBIE, in thanking Captain Hastings for honouring the occasion by his presence, hoped that, if not contrary to the usage and rules of the service, he would be so kind as to convey to my lords of the Admiralty the sincere acknowledgments of the deputation for the courteous and prompt manner in which their lordships had acceded to their request to place Sir John Pakington's bust where it now stood, to which Captain Hastings replied that he should comply with the request of the deputation.

The bust, which is a beautiful work of art, and a most faithful representation of Sir John Pakington, was much admired by all present. It stands upon a pedestal of red granite, upon which there is an appropriate inscription.

Dr. Nisbet entertained a party at dinner, which included Captain Hastings, the Baron Marochetti, and the deputation.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM. The election of two surgeons-accoucheur to the Queen's Hospital took place on the 11th instant, under the presidency of Thomas Lloyd, Esq., Mayor, who occupied the chair at the Town Hall, Birmingham. The polling continued from one till four o'clock; and at the close, the report of the scrutineers (Mr. W. J. B. Scott and Mr. A. Biggs) was: for Dr. Suckling, 63; Mr. Clay, 41; Dr. Hinds, 26; Mr. White, 18. The Mayor thereupon declared Dr. Suckling and Mr. Clay duly elected. Mr. W. J. B. Scott being called to the chair, Mr. Jacob Phillips proposed and Mr. George Taylor seconded a cordial vote of thanks to his worship for his impartial conduct in the chair; which was carried with acclamation.

LONGEVITY. The obituary of the *Times* of Tuesday last contains the names of six persons whose united ages amounted to 547 years, giving an average of ninety-one years and two months to each. The sexes were, three males and three females; the youngest being a gentleman aged 86, and the eldest a lady aged 100 years.

HEALTH OF LONDON—JUNE 9TH, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week	{ Boys.. 842 } 1691 .. 969	{ Girls.. 849 }
Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58	1500 .. 1079	
Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 57; pneumonia, 44; phthisis, 154; small-pox, 15; scarlatina, 22; measles, 51; diphtheria, 9; hooping-cough, 26. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 115, being 11·0 below the corrected average.		
Barometer:		
Highest (Mon.) 29·805; lowest (Sun.) 29·322; mean 29·618.		
Thermometer:		
In sun—highest (Fri.) 112·0 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 72·0 degrees.		
In shade—highest (Fri.) 64·3 degrees; lowest (Wed.) 43·5 degrees.		
Mean—51·9 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—5·3 degrees.		
Range—during week, 20·8 degrees; mean daily, 14·7 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 85.		
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 1·50.		

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Worcester, May 29th, 1860.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D.

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