

of the week was 37·5°, which is near the average of the same week in forty-three years. On Saturday (the 30th), the temperature rose to 51°, which was the highest in the week. On Monday (the 25th) the temperature fell to 21·4°, having ranged 21° in the twenty-four hours. The mean daily range was 13·9°. The difference between the mean dew-point temperature and air temperature was 4·4°. The mean degree of humidity was 82. The mean temperature of the water of the Thames was 38°, slightly exceeding that of the air. The wind was variable, but chiefly from the south and west. The rain-fall measured 0·22 in., which occurred on Saturday.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. M'WILLIAM, R.N., F.R.S., MEDICAL INSPECTOR H.M. CUSTOMS.

On Saturday last, a Committee of gentlemen, headed by Sir John Forbes, M.D., F.R.S., Dr. Andrew Clark, Dr. F. J. Brown, and others, waited upon Dr. M'William, in behalf of the Medical Officers of the Royal Navy, for the purpose of presenting him with a magnificent service of plate, as a token of respect for his distinguished character and services, and as an expression of gratitude for his long, disinterested, and finally successful advocacy of the claims of naval assistant-surgeons to ward-room rank.

In detailing the circumstances which had more immediately led to this presentation, Sir John Forbes alluded in eloquent and touching terms to the histories of the Niger expedition, and the fever at Boa Vista, in the Cape de Verds; and cited Dr. M'William's conduct in the former as one of the noblest illustrations of civil heroism on record. Sir John concluded by saying he felt honoured by having been made the medium of conveying such a testimonial to such a man, and expressed the hope that Dr. M'William would long be spared to witness the ripe fruit of his arduous labour, and enjoy the universal applause of his fellow-men.

In his reply, Dr. M'William described the condition of naval assistant-surgeons when he began his efforts for its amelioration; pictured the evils which that condition inflicted on the individual, the profession, the service, and society at large; illustrated the peculiar difficulties he had to contend with in asserting the acknowledged rights of his junior brethren; and said that, but for the noble and disinterested representation of the cause by the general and professional press, and its powerful and unflinching advocacy by Boldero, Hume, Wakley, and others, in the House of Commons, and by Lord Campbell, Lord Brougham, the Duke of Richmond, and others, in the Lords,—the success which they now celebrated would have been deferred to a very distant day. Dr. M'William concluded a manly and modest speech by expressing his gratification with so generous an appreciation of his services, gratitude for so splendid an acknowledgment of them, and hearty thanks to those who had helped him to achieve the triumph of principle over prejudice.

Dr. LIVINGSTONE. This celebrated African discoverer intends to take his departure for the east coast of Africa about the middle of February, in a steamer bound for Ceylon, which will touch at the mouth of the Zambese River, and there leave the expedition.

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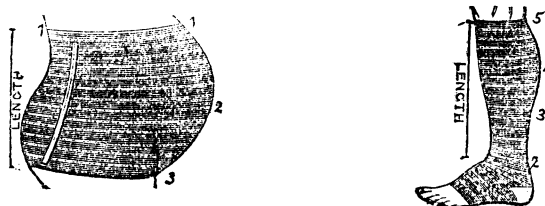
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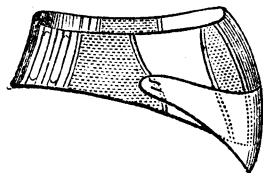
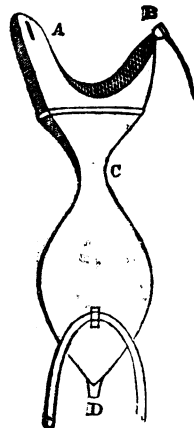
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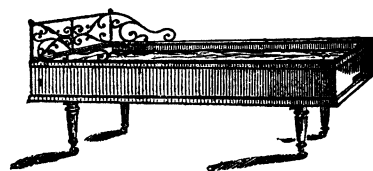
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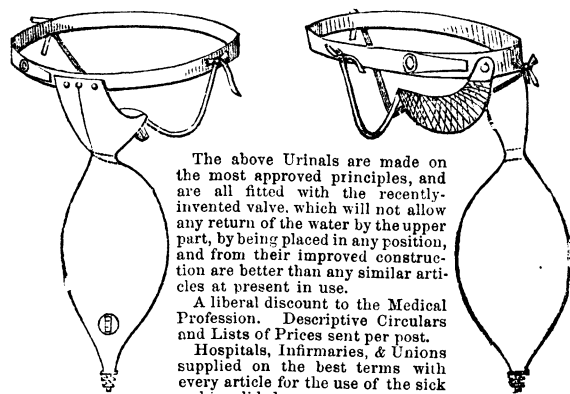
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