

he made, had evidently misunderstood the feeling of the meeting at the Grosvenor Hotel in 1865 as one of satisfaction at the medical arrangements as then acceded to by the Council, further stated that the police would have as good a right to their own surgeons as the volunteers, and that, for his own part, he should prefer to be treated by an army surgeon rather than by a volunteer. Dr. Carr withdrew his motion, observing that the volunteer surgeons would follow His Royal Highness's advice and apply to the War-Office. The Duke said a few words complimentary to volunteer surgeons generally, and so the episode ended for the present. The feeling of dissatisfaction is, of course, not likely to be much allayed by what was stated, especially by the very unfortunate speech of Lord Elcho, whose transparent casuistry as to the police, and avowed want of confidence in the volunteer medical officers, are hardly in accordance with his position and popularity as a volunteer officer, and cannot, we feel sure, be accepted as representing the general feeling of the force in this matter.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. RICHARDSON, F.R.S.

THIS testimonial was presented at a meeting of the subscribers and friends, held at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday last, when Mr. Paget, F.R.S., Serjeant-Surgeon Extraordinary to the Queen, presided. The company present numbered over 450 ladies and gentlemen. Amongst those present were Mr., Mrs., and Miss Paget; Vice-Admiral Sir E. Belcher; Rev. J. B. Reade, F.R.S.; Sir W. Fergusson, Bart.; the Hon. A. Hood; Dr. Sedgwick; Mr. and Miss Lord; Dr. Day of Stafford; Mr. C. Babbage, F.R.S.; Miss Garrett and Mr. Garrett; Dr. Henry; Dr. Hardwicke; Sir Thos. Watson, Bart.; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Wells; Mr. Adams; Rev. D. Bell, M.D.; Mr. Clements, M.P.; Mr. Webster, Q.C.; Mr. C. Varley; Mr. and the Misses Brady; Dr. Forbes Winslow; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Jacobs; Mrs. Richardson and family; Mr. Burton; Dr. Tilbury Fox; Dr. Stallard; Professor Partridge; Mr. P. Hewett; Dr. Drysdale; Sir J. R. Martin, C.B., F.R.S., etc.

The Chairman called on the Secretary, who read the following report:—

"The Executive Committee appointed by the meeting at which it was agreed to present a testimonial to Dr. Richardson, F.R.S., beg to report that they have brought their labours to a conclusion. The object for which the Committee was formed is expressed in the following letter, which was originally issued by the Hon. Secretaries.

"A large and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Dr. Richardson, in recognition of his many scientific labours on behalf of the medical profession and public generally, but chiefly for his successful invention of a method for producing, without danger, local insensibility to pain in surgical operations. The Committee hope this testimonial may be so substantial that Dr. Richardson may be encouraged to continue his scientific labours, which cannot fail still further to benefit mankind. If this appeal to our profession and to the public should seem to you unusual, the Committee trust that you will not on that account think it less worthy of your support and furtherance; for the time is come when we should recognise, and as far as possible reward and encourage such scientific labours, which, from their very nature, consume the life and substance of those who pursue them, without any corresponding return."

"The response made to this letter has been of the most significant character, and has fully justified the anticipation of those who originated the movement.—The subscribers to the testimonial include representatives of the medical and other learned professions, general science, literature, arts, and commerce, both in this country and abroad.—The complete list is hereto appended, and will be forwarded to every subscriber.—The Executive Committee being assured that by this means they would best fulfil the wishes of the subscribers, and most advance the interests of science, have determined to place the money in Dr. Richardson's hands, and as a permanent record of the testimonial have selected for presentation to him a microscope by Ross.—The Executive Committee cannot close this brief report without adding, on behalf of all the subscribers, an expression of the gratification they feel in offering this testimonial to one whose whole life has been unselfishly and unflinchingly devoted to the advancement of science, and to the relief of the sufferings of man and of the inferior creation.

"Signed on behalf of the Committee, James Paget, President; Henry Day and F. Sibson, Treasurers; R. Dunn and R. W. Dunn, Honorary Secretaries."

The Honorary Secretary stated that letters regretting their inability to attend had been received from the following amongst many others:—The Lord Chancellor, the Attorney-General, Sir Henry Thompson, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Gull, Mr. Ernest Hart, Field-Marshal Sir John Burgoyne, Sir W. Bodkin, Dr. Burrows, Earl Clarendon, Earl Dartmouth, Sir Daniel Cooper, Mr. Montague Chambers, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Warren de la Rue, F.R.S., Lord Eliot, Mr. Grove, Q.C., Mr. Cesar Hawkins, Admiral Sir Thomas Hastings, Sir Rowland Hill, Mr. Gurney Hoare, Alderman Sir William A. Rose, Sir John Liddell, Dr. Letheby, General Lefroy, Mr. Baxter Langley, Mr. Alderman Lusk, M.P., Earl de la Warr, Mr. W. H. Gladstone, M.P., Sir W. Erle, Dr. W. Farr, F.R.S., and Mr. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S.

Mr. PAGET then rose to present the testimonial, and, while expressing an opinion that testimonials as a rule required apology, stated that in this case the eminent services of the recipient, which had hitherto been entirely without substantial acknowledgment, although so universally known and appreciated, fully justified the bestowal of the testimonial which he now offered him. He enlarged on the numerous qualities of head and heart of Dr. Richardson, and detailed some of the numerous services he has rendered to science and humanity. He mentioned his labours in medical and general literature, social science and sanitary reform, his exhaustive and elaborate research in medical and practical science, and his unselfish and unceasing study of, and search after, those practical advances in science which tend to the relief of human sufferings, and more particularly to his discoveries in general and local anaesthesia.

Dr. RICHARDSON, who was enthusiastically received, addressed the meeting with much emotion, and expressed in eloquent language his gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the motives for the testimonial, and of the way in which it was offered to him.

It was then moved by Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD BELCHER, G.C.B.—"That the thanks of the subscribers be given to the officers and committee for their services." The motion was seconded by Mr. CLEMENT, M.P., and responded to Dr. DAY, of Stafford, and Mr. DUNN.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, moved by Sir THOMAS WATSON, Bart., and seconded by the Rev. J. B. READE, F.R.S., was put, and responded to by Mr. Paget in a few words, and a meeting which, as a representative one, has rarely been equalled, was brought to a close.

It was stated that already over £150 had been received, and more promised; and that the list would be kept open for a few days to enable these further sums to be included.

In the list of subscribers to the testimonial are the names of Dr. Acland, F.R.S.; Mr. W. Adams; Dr. Ballard; Dr. W. Beattie; Dr. Beigel; Vice-Admiral Sir E. Belcher; Rev. Dr. Bell; Dr. Budd; Mr. C. Burrows; Dr. G. Burrows, F.R.S.; Mr. Charles Babbage; Dr. Colledge; Lieut.-Col. Chambers; Mr. Charles Darwin, F.R.S.; the Baroness Lionel de Rothschild; Sir William Erle; Dr. Farquharson, of the Guards; Archdeacon Fearon; Miss Garrett; Dr. Gull; Mr. John Grantham; Mr. Grove, Q.C.; Mr. J. P. Heywood, of Liverpool; Sir W. Jenner, Bart., F.R.S.; Dr. Bence Jones; Mr. Henry Lee; Mr. Lowe; Dr. Lankester; Dr. Markham; Sir J. R. Martin, C.B., F.R.S.; Mr. J. Brady, M.P.; Lord Braybrooke; Rev. T. Moseley; Sir R. I. Murchison, K.C.B., F.R.S.; Mr. R. Napier, of Glasgow; Dr. Paget, of Cambridge; Lady Burrell; Professor Partridge; Mr. Oliver Pemberton; Mr. J. Ridout; the Hon. Mrs. Cooper; Dr. Sedgwick; Dr. Semple; Mr. Sercombe; Dr. Sibson, F.R.S.; Dr. Marion Sims; Mr. W. R. Smee; Mr. T. Heckstall Smith; Sir Henry Thompson; Mr. Twining; Dr. J. Yearsley; Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart.; Sir C. Wentworth Dilke, Bart., M.P., amongst some 600 or 700 others of recognised position in the medical and learned professions, or in science, literature, arts, or commerce.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

MR. LOWE, M.P., ON MEDICAL EDUCATION.

THE distribution of prizes and certificates of honour was made on Wednesday last at the School of St. Mary's Hospital, by the Right Hon. Robert Lowe, M.P. There were present on the occasion Mr. Powell, M.P., Mr. Mitford, M.P., Dr. Sibson, Mr. Lane, Dr. Handfield Jones, Mr. Spencer Smith, Dr. Sieveking, Mr. Haynes Walton, and the other members of the staff; Mr. John Wilson, and many others, besides a large attendance of ladies. The proceedings commenced by Mr. Ernest Hart, the Dean of the School, reading a report of its progress during the academical year 1867-8. It stated that there was a larger body of students than on any former occasion—upwards of 120—attending the