

tories. After obtaining his diploma at R.C.S. London, he practised in Whitby for many years; also held a commission as captain in the volunteers when Napoleon threatened to invade England. He practised his profession till far advanced in years, living latterly at Danby, in the dales of Yorkshire.

He had three sons—Francis Mewburn, of Darlington (the first railway solicitor in England, of the firm of Stevenson, Pease & Mewburn, the three pioneers of the railway), John Mewburn and Boyer Mewburn, a solicitor of London.

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#### DR. JOHN MEWBURN,

Second son of Dr. Francis Mewburn. As a student of medicine he possessed great advantages, and profited by them. He was honourably noticed by Sir Astley Cooper when he obtained his diploma as M.R.C.S. He was one of those who volunteered as assistant-surgeon to attend the sick and wounded at Haslar Hospital, after the battle of Corunna, and his account of the way they were treated was horrible. What would be said now of amputation at the shoulder-joint for wound of the circumflex artery? Yet such was done there. He was also one of those who witnessed that celebrated case of a man wounded at Corunna, who died two weeks afterwards of dysentery, and a ball was found in the heart.

Dr. John Mewburn emigrated to Upper Canada in 1832, and was gazetted as a licentiate July of that year. He resided in York for a short time, and had a very advantageous proposal to remain there, which he refused, and having purchased a farm at Stamford, settled there, where he remained all his life—a life spent in active practice—a life of usefulness, and crowned with success. "A warm-hearted, impulsive man, he had many friends, and he was always ready to assist anyone whose cause he believed to be just. From doing his duty fearlessly and honourably as a magistrate and coroner, he made many a bitter enemy." He was "a man much given to hospitality, especially to the clergy; from the Bishop to the youngest curate, from the Roman Catholic priest to the Baptist minister, all were sure of a welcome. In church matters he was