

The Linacre Lectureship at Cambridge.

The Linacre Lectureship is one of the oldest in England, and has been held by many distinguished men. Among them were: Wm. Barrondale, Thos. Gisborne, Sir Thos. Watson, Sir Isaac Pennington, John Haviland, Sir George Paget, Wm. Heberden and Donald MacAllaster. Up to the present time it has generally been held by a single incumbent for a term of years. It is now converted into an annual office, and every year some person of eminence will be asked to deliver one public lecture in the Easter term. The first lecture under the new scheme was delivered May 6th by Dr. Wm. Osler, the Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford, who took for his subject "Thomas Linacre: His Life and Work."

Heroism among Medical Military Officers.

We sometimes feel sensitive because laymen do not always say pleasant things about physicians. We have to acknowledge, however, that the world at large appreciates the fact that our profession furnishes many military heroes. We are told by the *British Medical Journal* that Col. G. J. Younghusband, C.B., in his "Story of the Guides," says that in many a hard fight the brave and devoted officers who have been surgeons to the corps have displayed the greatest gallantry, but he singles out one of these as specially worth recording. In the expedition of 1853 against the Jowaka Afridis, thirty men of the Guides, under Lieut. Turner, had driven a separate force of the enemy into a stone breastwork at the top of a peak; but night came on and the order to retire was given. Retirement meant practically annihilation for the little force, so, sticking to the rocks, Turner had the bugle sound "Send reinforcements." Hodson, afterwards famous, who was near, but himself faced by great odds, sent all the men he could spare, but these were not strong enough to effect their purpose. Then it was that Dr. R. Lyell, Surgeon of the Guides, took on himself to carry forward the much-needed succour. In reserve, lying near him, was the Gurkha company of the Guides, and also a company of the 66th Gurkhas, under a native officer. Taking these troops, with great dash and personal gallantry he led them to the attack, drove back the already exulting enemy, stormed their position, and extricated Turner and his party from their perilous position. It was a noble deed, nobly and gallantly carried out, and when it had been achieved the brave soldier returned to the tender care of the wounded and to alleviate the pains of the dying.