

duty to record in our obituary to-day a notice of the lamented decease of Dr. Alexander Boyle, an old and meritorious officer, who had seen much active service, and who, while engaged in the arduous duties of the field, still found time to place at various periods the results of his observations and experience before his professional brethren, and his papers have been alluded to in several medical works. He was a man possessed of varied acquirements, as well in science as in literature; was a warm and zealous friend, and a benefactor to the poor. On his retirement from the army he engaged in private practice in this city, which he successfully pursued up to the time of his last illness. His war services date from 1798, and are thus stated in the *Annual Army List*: 'Doctor Boyle was actively employed in Ireland during the rebellion of 1798, and afterwards at the Helder in 1799; also in Sicily and Egypt from December, 1806, till June, 1812, as surgeon of the 62nd Regt. He was employed on the eastern coast of Spain on the medical staff in 1812-13-14, and was at the affair of Biar, battle of Castalla; at Tarragona in June and August, 1813, and at the retreat from Ordal and Villa Franca. He had charge of the general hospitals at Alicant, Castalla and Valencia; was senior medical officer with the head-quarters of the army under Sir William Clinton during the blockade of Barcelona; was at Genoa and Corsica, and accompanied the army from the Mediterranean to Bermuda under General Gosselin as principal medical officer, and was at Penobscot.' "

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The Society held a picnic in August, and gave a ball on the night of St. Andrew's day at Paddock's rooms, Prince William street. Dancing commenced at half-past eight o'clock, and the committee in charge consisted of Adam Jack, Alex. Jardine, Wm. Thomson, Dr. Boyd, William Mackay, Robert Thomson, Robert Shives, Andrew Scott, Alex. Gilchrist, D. B. Stevens, W. R. McKenzie, Luke Stewart, R. T. Clinch, Chas. Johnston, Geo. Young, Joseph G. Johnston, Thos. M. Reed, Arch. Rowan, William Jack; R. Cruikshank being the secretary.