

The relics which were brought home were deposited at the United Service Institution, and it is needless to state, that those who brought them were received everywhere with the hearty welcome which they so well deserved.

Arctic medals were given to all who had not previously received them. Lieutenant Hobson was informed that he would shortly be promoted; and her Majesty, in due time, bestowed on Captain M'Clintock the honour of knighthood, with which his predecessors had so uniformly been rewarded.

By the discovery of Barrow's Straits, Sir Edward Parry may be said to have unlocked the door through which, by different routes, Sir John Franklin, Sir Robert M'Clure, and Sir Leopold M'Clintock, have each shown us a way into the Pacific. These ways are, however, so barred up by natural obstacles as to be practically useless; but the service itself has proved so valuable a training for British sailors in times of peace: through it we have been introduced to so many lands and peoples formerly unknown, and it has led to such discoveries in the realms of science, that the time, talent, and treasure which it has cost, cannot be said to have been thrown away.

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