

with them under a hedge, and took out of his pocket a book and read. But he had not read very long before a bullet of a great gun grazed on the ground near him, which made him remove his station."

After the battle he accompanied the king to Oxford, where he was made Warden of Merton College, and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Physic. Here he devoted much attention to the subject of Generation, as, according to Aubrey, "he came several times to our college (Trinity) to George Bathurst, B.D., who had a hen to hatch eggs in his chamber, which they opened daily to see the progress."

On the surrender of Oxford to the Parliamentary forces, he returned to London where he resumed his duties as lecturer to the college of physicians. In 1652 he received the honor of having his statue placed in the college hall, with an inscription testifying to the value of his discoveries, which he

acknowledged by building an addition to the college, and endowed it with his paternal estate. One of the conditions of this grant was that an oration should be delivered annually in commemoration of the benefactors of the college, and an "exhortation to the members to study and search out the secrets of nature by way of experiment, and for the honor of the profession to continue mutually in love." He was elected president three years before his death, but declined on account of his advanced age, seventy-nine years. He died in 1657, honored and esteemed as the first anatomist of his time, and with his discoveries universally acknowledged.

This year is the three hundredth since his birth, and the tercentenary anniversary of that event was celebrated in April last.

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