

profession, owe a deep debt to that profession payable only by personal devotion to its general and special interests. It has not been our custom to mark the wedding day by even a family gathering; and until ten days ago, when your proceedings were made known to me, though we might have departed from the usual habit by asking a few near relations to dine with us, we had no thought that the event of to-morrow—our fiftieth anniversary—would have assumed the importance your proceedings have given to it. Had I been consulted in the later stage of your generous actions in our behalf, I could not have devised a more acceptable form of commemoration; for while the connection of the name with the triennial prize is a great personal distinction, the award of the prize for an original paper of ascertained merit is a direct educational gain to the profession as a whole. The very handsome ink-stand, and the album inscribed with many names, will be constant reminders of the very kindly feelings entertained by the subscribers towards my wife and myself. You wish us still longer life and further happiness. We, in return, wish you one and all, long life and health, and the measure of happiness in the future that has marked our past fifty years of unbroken concord.—*Journal of the British Dental Association.*

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### Opening of the National Dental Hospital, London, England.

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His Royal Highness the Duke of York, attended by Major-General Sir Francis de Winton and Captain the Hon. D. Keppel, performed the ceremony of opening the new premises of the National Dental Hospital and College, Great Portland Street, of which institution the Prince is President. The new hospital, which is the gift of the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden, has cost some £10,000 to erect. It is a handsome building, with an exterior of red brick, and comprises a large lecture hall, laboratories, special demonstration rooms, a stopping room capable of accommodating seventy-five patients, and other offices, the architect being Mr. A. E. Thompson, of Leadenhall Buildings. Among those present at the opening ceremony were the Bishop of London, Lord Strafford, Vice-President of the Institution, the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden, Mr. L. G. F. Cavendish Bentinck, Mr. Alban Gibbs, M.P., Sir W. Gilbey, Major-General A. Ellis, Mr. J. G. Noel, the Rev. A. J. Robinson, Mr. S. Lee Rymer, Mr. S. Spokes (Dean of the College), Mr. A. E. Thompson, Sir P. Spokes, Mr. Underwood, Dr. Coupland, Dr. Littlejohn, and Captain Evans. A guard of honor was furnished by the Honorable Artillery Company, under the command of Captain J. Pash, and a large crowd assembled outside the hospital and heartily cheered His Royal Highness, who was