

THE LIFE

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COMPILED CHIEFLY

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ever obtained, the reward would be small. At the time of life to which he had now arrived, the consciousness of having done all the good in his power could be the only true source of satisfaction.

The termination of Dr. Warren's connection with the Hospital may be regarded as the termination of his career as an active surgeon. Though he did not entirely give up private operations, he found more leisure for his other pursuits, and for the cultivation of social intercourse; which he also desired to find or make of an improving character. Although the amount of professional emoluments is always over-rated, by fortunate and safe investments his means had become ample, and sufficient for him to live with elegance, and in the free gratification of some very expensive tastes in matters connected with natural history.

JOURNAL.

Feb. 17. — This morning, had a visit from Dr. Kane, of the Northern Expedition. Came to consult me about a naturalist for the Northern Expedition. I recommended Dr. Kneeland.

Feb. 19. — The Mayor sent two gentlemen to converse on the subject of a substitution for omnibuses; the railroad to go through a street prepared for the purpose, but not through Washington or Tremont Street. I signed one petition, and headed another, for this object.

March 3. — At the Natural-History Society, it was agreed to send Dr. Kneeland to Philadelphia to make the purchase of Dr. Morton's collection of Crania. Mr. Barnard, a mem-

ber, offered to take upon himself the responsibility of the two thousand dollars. Discussion on the fascination of the serpent. I maintained the affirmative, that a particular state of the nervous system was produced, which entirely absorbed the attention of the bird.

March 7. — A new edition of the work on Tumors called for.

March 9. — Discovered, in reading this morning, that General Heath was engaged in the battle of Lexington. He and Dr. Joseph Warren joined the militia soon after the re-enforcement by Lord Percy, and with them pursued the British force quite to Charlestown. Called on Mr Scott, and stated to him the fact, and requested him to introduce General Heath. He then came to the house to examine the pictures of Bunker Hill. He criticized the two pictures of Trumbull and Cooke.* Gave the preference to the latter.

March 23. — Received a letter from Dr. Bigelow, of Paris, informing me of my election as Associate Member of the Imperial Society of Medicine.

There is a portrait of Sir Peter Warren in the Athenæum at Portsmouth.

March 25. — Read Kramer on the Ear, and became satisfied that the noise in the left ear is the result of incipient impairment of the organ, and that I need not expect to get rid of it. Hearing of the right ear still pretty good. Kramer recommends acetic ether injected into the Eustachian tube; which I approve, but not enough to have a catheter stuck through the nose into the throat, unless there were more hopes of doing good.

March 28. — Began to write an Introduction to the Genealogical Table.

* Painted for Dr. Warren: the artist since deceased.