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The Linacre Lectureship of St. John's College

Cambridge.

History of the Foundation.

The Linacre Lectureship was instituted by Thomas Linacre, Physician to King Henry VIII, founder and first President of the Royal College of Physicians. By a deed, dated 19th August 1524, to which Thomas Linacre, Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of London, Sir Thomas More, Under Treasurer of England, Dr. John Stokesley D.P., and William Shelley, Serjeant at Law and the College were parties, the College covenanted to found a "lecture of physicke" in the College. Linacre stated that by his will he had bequeathed to the College a house called the Belle and Lanthorne in Adling Street besides Baynard Castle in London; he also gave the sum of £221. 13. 4. for the purchase of land.

The College undertook to pay the lecturer £12 for three years and £6. in the fourth year; the lecturer was to be appointed every fourth year and to give lectures for three and a half years; during the vacancy the Stipend was to go to the College. This scale of payment has continued to the present day.

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Originally, the lecturer was appointed for ~~three~~ years, provided the College approved, was a new departure in that for the first time it was desired "to unite annually a man of mark to give a single lecture on the same general plan as the Rede lectureship, likewise an old foundation long bound to Linacre's time."