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Catalogue Reference:
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Title:
SIMON, Sir John (1816-1904)

Date(s):
[1850], 1866

Level of description:
Collection (fonds)

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
2 items

Context

Name of creator(s):
Simon, Sir, John, 1816-1904, surgeon

Administrative / Biographical history:
John Simon was born 10 October 1816 and educated in England and Germany. In 1833, he became a pupil apprentice to Mr Green at St Thomas's Hospital. In 1838, he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1838 and was elected a fellow in 1844. Simon was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy at King's College London, a post he held for nine years, and was Assistant Surgeon at King's College Hospital from 1840 to 1847. In 1844, he won the Astley Cooper Prize for his illustrated essay on the thymus gland. Elected Fellow of the Royal Society, 1845. In 1847, Simon was appointed lecturer in Pathology at St Thomas's Hospital, where he was also Surgeon from 1853-1876. He was Officer of Health to the City of London, 1848-1855; Chief Medical Officer of Health to the General Board of Health, 1855-; member of the Privy Council, 1858-1876; President, Royal College of Surgeons, 1878-1879; President, Royal Society, 1879-1880. Simon built up a state medical department for public health and developed the vaccination system, and was particularly concerned with eradicating the smallpox virus; influential in bringing about the Sanitary Act, 1866 and Public Health Act, 1875. Awarded KCB 1887 (CB 1876); In 1848 Simon married Jane O'Meara (died 1901). He retired in 1876, and died 23 July 1904. Publications include: A Physiological Essay on the Thymus Gland (London, 1845); General Pathology, as conducive to the establishment of rational principles for the diagnosis and treatment of disease (London, 1850); Report on the Sanitary Condition of the City of London, for the year 1853-4 (London, 1854); Report on the last two Cholera-epidemics of London, as affected by the consumption of impure water (Stationery Office, London, 1856); Inflammation in T Holmes A System of Surgery, ... in treatises by various authors , vol 1 (1860); English Sanitary Institutions, reviewed in their course of development, and in some of their political and social relations (Cassell & Co, London, 1890).

Archival history:
Acquired by St Thomas's Hospital Medical School Library

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Transferred from St Thomas's Hospital Medical School Library to King's College London Archives in 2002.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Letters to John Simon, from Joseph Henry Green, [1850]; and letter from E Headlam Greenhow (1814-1888), Apr
1866 relating to a 1849 report on cholera.

**System of arrangement:**
2 items

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**Language/scripts of material:**
English

**Finding aids:**
This collection level description.

**Allied materials**

**Existence and location of originals:**
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**Related units of description:**
Simon's Astley Cooper Prize Essay, (Ref: G/PP5/1), and case notes prepared under Green (Ref: TH/PP GREEN), held by King's College London. Correspondence and papers of Sir John Simon, held by the Royal College of Surgeons of England; letters to Sir Henry Wentworth Acland, 1884-1896, held by Oxford University: Bodleian Library, Special Collections and Western Manuscripts (reference: MSS Acland); correspondence with John Ruskin, held by the Ruskin Library; correspondence with A and J Severn, 1878-1902, held by Manchester University: John Rylands Library (reference: Eng MS 1260).

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**Archivist’s Note:**
Sources: *St Thomas's Hospital Gazette*, Vol 14, No 8, 1904; *Who's Who 1897-1996* CD-ROM (A & C Black); *Catalogue of the Printed Books and Manuscripts in the Library of St Thomas's Hospital Medical School (1491-1900)* D T Bird (London, 1984); *St Thomas's Hospital*, E M McInness, Special Trustees of St Thomas's Hospital, London, 1992. Compiled by Alison Field

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