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Title:
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Date(s):
1844-1916

Level of description:
Series of Guy's Hospital Medical School records

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
18 volumes

Context

Name of creator(s):
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Administrative / Biographical history:
The Astley Cooper Prize was established by the will of Astley Cooper, to be given to the best original essay or treatise on a given subject in anatomy, physiology or surgery 'from time to time proposed by the physicians and surgeons of Guy's Hospital'. The prize was awarded every 3 years, the first in 1844, and according to Astley Cooper's will the prize winning essays were presented to the Medical School Library.

Archival history:
The Astley Cooper prize winning essays were presented to the Library of the Medical School.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Transferred from Guy's Hospital Medical School Library in 2002.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Essays written by Guy's Hospital Medical School students for prizes, 1844-1915, comprising Astley Cooper Prize winning essays, namely 'Drawings illustrating the Physiology of the Thymus Gland', 1844 by J Simon; 'Pyoemia or Suppurating Fever', by Dr Braidwood of Birkenhead, 1867, (winner, 1868); 'Diseases and Injuries of the Spinal Cord, with plates', [1874], by D J Hamilton; 'An Essay on Diseases and Injuries of Nerves and their Surgical Treatment together with the Operations performed upon Nerve Trunks', by Anthony A Bowlby, 1885 (winner, 1886); 'Tubercular Diseases of Bones and Joints' by William Watson Cheyne, [1889], comprising volume I Pathology, volume II Treatment, volume III Clinical cases, Description of Microscopical Specimens; 'A Dissertation on the Structure and use of the Spleen', by H Gray, [1853]; 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Pituitary Body' by W Blair Bell, [1915]; description of medical and surgical cases for the Richard Bredin Prize for Clinical Study, 1896, by B Burnett Ham; essays submitted for the Charles Oldham Prize for Ophthalmology, comprising 'Some affections of the eye in congenital syphilis', by Maurice Mitman, 1922; 'Some tumours of the eye', by Donald Francis Durward, 1923; 'Sympathetic ophthalmia', by J R Ratcliffe, 1925; essays submitted for the Treasurer's Prize, comprising 2 essays on 'The Diagnosis of acute abdominal conditions' by unidentified students, 1908.

System of arrangement:
As outlined in the scope and content.

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**Language/scripts of material:**
English

**Finding aids:**
Detailed catalogues are available in the reading room of the College Archives.

**Allied materials**

**Existence and location of originals:**
King's College London College Archives

**Related units of description:**
King's College Archives holds minutes of prize funds committees, (Reference: G/administrative section) and minutes of the Board of Electors of scholarships and studentships (Reference: G/scholarships).

**Description control**

**Archivist's Note:**
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**Rules or conventions:**

**Date(s) of descriptions:**
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