

**Biographical catalogue of the portraits  
at Weston, the seat of the Earl of  
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may her soul rest in heaven (as her body in this grave), to her a happy advantage, to hers an unhappy loss.'

When only ten years old William Harvey went to a Grammar School, and subsequently to Caius College, Cambridge, where, we are told, 'he studied classics, dialectics, and physics.' It was the fashion of the day for young men of any standing to finish their education on the Continent, in one or other of those schools of learning and science which were indeed the resort of the youth of all nations. Harvey fixed his choice on Padua, then especially rich in eminent Professors in all branches of learning. He had been early destined, both by the wishes of his family and his own inclination, for the medical profession; and at Padua, under the auspices of the celebrated Fabricius of Acquapendente and others, our young Englishman, whose zeal was equal to his intelligence, laid the foundation of his future greatness, and made rapid strides in the path of fame. He remained five years at Padua, and before his departure, at the age of twenty-four, received his doctor's diploma, with 'licence to practise in every land and seat of learning.' On his return to England he obtained his doctor's degree at his old University of Cambridge, after which he settled in London, and married the daughter of one Lancelot Brown, M.D. Harvey soon got into extensive practice, enlarged his connection daily, and, while rising step by step in his profession, made himself beloved (as is mostly the case with the true disciple of St. Luke) by the skill and charity he

exercised among the poor and afflicted by whom he was surrounded.

Before long he was elected a member of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and subsequently Principal Physician of that important establishment, where, in the course of his tenure, he introduced the most stringent reforms and regulations, which were considered needlessly severe by the younger students, who had grown into habits of laxity and idleness. But neither the duties of his office, nor his practice which he



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