

John Rutter, M.D., of Liverpool

The demolition of St. Peter's church in Liverpool has necessitated the removal of many monuments and mural tablets, among them being a stone tablet to Dr. John Rutter. He is thus referred to in *The Liverpool Daily Courier* of August 23 :

“ His great claim to distinction lies in the services he has rendered the medical profession as the founder of the Liverpool Medical Institution. He was also one of the founders of the Athenæum in 1797, and in 1832 took part in establishing the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association. One interesting fact about Dr. Rutter was that he was a member of the Society of Friends, and for that reason was prevented from giving evidence in a local poisoning case which was the ‘ cause celebre ’ of the day. He is spoken of by Picton as ‘ a fine old primitive Quaker—a sound and sagacious physician,’ and there is no doubt his services were in great request, as at the time of his death in 1839 he resided in St. Anne Street, then the fashionable quarter of the town. The tablet to his memory has been offered to the Medical Institute.”

See *A Historical Sketch of Dr. John Rutter*, by Thomas H. Bickerton, 1910.

12 xi. 1679. Agreed that Edw: Monk & John D'france be appointed to transcribe ye priest of Mulbarton his answere to Benjamine Coales 24 Queeryes, & to send it to the Meeting for Sufferings in London, to be directed to Ellis Hookes (which was done).—*Minute Book of Norwich M.M.*

12 ix. 1673. Ordered that 3 books of every sort of those bookes [which] are sent from London to Samuel Duncon to dispose of to the Service of Truth be Sent to Wm. Kinge of North Walsham & 4 books of a Sort to John Mony of Tillishall to dispose to the perticuler meetings about them, & also 1 of a sort to Thos: Laws of Yarmouth.—*Minute Book of Norwich M.M.*

8 xi. 1676. Agreed that Samll. Duncon, Tho: Murford, Thomas Hayward & Edw: Monk take an account of ye sufferings of such friends as opened their shops on ye day called Christmas.—*Minute Book of Norwich M.M.*