Salvatore Luigi Pisani

Professor of Anatomy, Midwifery & Gynaecology, and Surgery, and CGMO.

Born: Vittoriosa, 27/05/1828; died: Zejtun, 27/10/1908. Education: Lyceum, Malta; University of Malta; University of Edinburgh; also visited several medical centres in London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and Italy. Qualifications: M.D. [Malta, 1850]; M.D. [Edinburgh, 1853]; L.R.C.P. [U.K., 1853]. Career: 1854 volunteered to serve as surgeon with British Army during Crimean War and worked with Florence Nightingale. Returned to Malta 1855 and continued to serve as medical officer in British Army until 1856. Government Health Service – had a very active medical serving as specialist accoucher and surgeon in the government hospital. In 1885 appointed to the post of Chief Government Medical Officer, retired 1902: University of Malta - Professor of Anatomy and Histology [1858-1875], Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology [1858-1869], and Professor of Surgery [1869-1885]. Achievements: Published a number of treatises including Ktieb il qabla [Malta, 1883]; Twissijiet fuq il mard tal-korla [Malta, 1885]; Fuq il mard tat-tfal u kif nilghulu [Malta, 1885]; Report on the Cholera Epidemic in the year 1887 [Malta, 1888]; also initiated the series of annual public health reports in 1896. Pisani was also a renowned numismatic and art collector publishing Medagliere di Malta e Gozo dall’epoca Fenicia all’attuale Regnante S.M. La Regina Vittoria [Malta, 1896] and bequeathed his coin and medal collection to the National Museum in 1899. Appointed Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George [C.M.G.] by Queen Victoria [1895].


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