

Annotation

I was supposed to annotate the article written by Andrew Gregory. It was published in the British journal "English Physician". The title of the article is William Harvey, who was an English Physician. The article represents the definite interest from the point of view of the physical study of a human body. It was always a miracle to know and observe how human body functions. It doesn't give any tables or diagrams but it provides us with numbers, which clearly prove the main point of the Harvey's research.

The article considers the problem of the circulation of the blood in the human body. At the beginning it describes the personal background of the physician, which gave us the fact that he was happily married, but didn't have kids. Moreover, William Harvey was a respected doctor, who was a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

The article draws a reader's attention to the main experiment connected with the amount of blood flowing through the heart. The author points out that Harvey performed a tremendous research to prove the above mentioned fact. The reader can also observe the numbers, stated by Harvey. It appeared that the heart pumped 0.5 - 1 litre of blood per minute. The author stresses that in the modern values it is proven to pump 4 litres per minute at rest and 25 during exercise). The key was to read article till the end and find out that blood does circulate due to the fact that human body contains about 5 litres of blood.

The article is worth reading to find out how different are the points of historical science and modern researches. I think, this article also helps to appreciate the technology and the information about human body we have in the 21st century.