

Of the six vessels employed on this duty, five were training-ships for boys, and one, the *Britannia*, for naval cadets. Only two of them exceeded the average ratio of sickness, the one showing the highest ratio being the *Britannia*.

In this vessel, stationed continuously at Dartmouth, the cadets and ship's company, with the exception of an epidemic of scarlet fever which prevailed amongst the former, may be said to have been healthy. The superior intelligence of those to whose training this vessel is devoted may, perhaps, induce them to apply more immediately to the medical officer in case of sickness than is found to be the case in the training vessels for ships' boys, and in this way a higher ratio of sickness is likely to be the rule in her returns, though they may present no disease of any importance.

In the other training vessels set apart for boys, skin diseases were by no means uncommon, and these, with boils, ulcers, and trifling injuries, make up the sums of their sick lists.