

I got to the deceased's house about a quarter, or half-past ten o'clock the same night; in consequence of the message I came off immediately. I found the deceased in bed. I gathered from him the history of his case. He said he had been in great suffering since Wednesday morning. He appeared to be undergoing great pain, and had the appearance of being worn out with pain. Upon examining the deceased I found parts in a state of mortification. I used instruments to relieve him but did not succeed. Upon further examination I found the deceased to be suffering from disease of the prostate gland. I saw him again early the following morning; he was then in the same state. I resolved upon an operation, not expecting thereby to save his life, but to relieve him of agony. I considered, at first, the case to be hopeless, and so told the deceased. I saw him again on the Sunday; he was gradually sinking. I did not do anything further to him. I did not see him again alive. I have seen his body since his death.

Mr. Cooper added that if an operation had been performed in proper time mortification would not have ensued; that that operation ought to have been performed at the very latest on the Thursday morning, and if it had been performed the deceased's life might have been saved.

Charles Morgan, sworn: I am a surgeon, at Hopton. I am the Union surgeon of that part of the Hopton district in which Sapiston is situate. I have nothing to do with Market Weston. On Thursday week, on my return home from the parish of Sapiston, I saw Mrs. Ramply at my house. She told me of the deceased's case, and that he was suffering from stoppage. I asked her whether she came to me on her own account or the parish account. She told me she had no money. I then asked her if she had an order. She said, no, but he was a relation of Mr. Good, of Weston. This was after the clock struck twelve on Thursday. She then explained in what way and in what degree he had been suffering. I then said "You may have a bottle of medicine, but if he gets worse you must have an order. I shall not be at Sapiston again before Saturday." I heard no more of the case. On Saturday, in the noon time, I was at Sapiston, and called at the house. I saw the deceased, and found he had been punctured midway. The instrument was in. The parts were in a state of mortification, and the body swelled. The deceased was dying. Death arose from mortification. I did not examine the man so as to be able to form an opinion as to the cause of mortification.

Verdict, "Natural Death, and no imputation of blame upon the surgeon."—*From the Bury and Suffolk Herald.*

DEATH OF MR. KING, OF CLIFTON.

Our profession has to regret the loss of one of its most distinguished members, John King, Esq., surgeon, of Clifton, Bristol. Mr. King was by birth a Swiss, descended from a family who for many generations had filled the highest offices at Berne, and who were not less remarkable for their ability as magistrates, than for their successful cultivation and patronage of the arts and sciences; and many of them had dedicated themselves to the medical profession.

Mr. King, before he came to this country, had

attained much distinction as a man of very capacious intellect, expanded and strengthened by assiduous study. Critically acquainted with the Greek, Latin, French, German, Italian, and Spanish languages, the general science and literature of Europe were open to his indefatigable researches, and this variety of acquirement he made subservient to his medical pursuits. In London he was a highly favoured pupil of Mr. Abernethy, and when he first came to Clifton, assisted Dr. Beddoes, with Sir Humphry Davy, in his Pneumatic Institution, where his chemical knowledge was highly displayed and appreciated. His practice as a surgeon was very extensive, and his reputation commensurate with it. Few men of his time equalled him in practical skill, and in the ingenuity and variety of his resources. As a physician he was equally sagacious and profound, and none ever surpassed him in that energetic benevolence and generous zeal for the relief of suffering humanity, which has ever been the most honourable characteristic of our profession.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Wright has been appointed Physician to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, in the room of Dr. James Sandys, resigned.

Mr. George Shaw has been appointed Professor of Chemistry, at Queen's College, Birmingham, in the room of Mr. Tilley, resigned.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, September 17th:—Robert Thomas Martland, Blackburn; Francis Barlow, Plymouth; Wm. Fancourt Tomkins, Yeovil; Joseph Clegg, Rochdale; Charles Sturges Northleach; James Hunter Blair, Sandon.

OBITUARY.

Died, Aug. 16th, at Port of Spain, Trinidad, Stephen F. Carmichael, M.D.

August 18th, at Clifton, in the 81st year of his age, John King, Esq., Surgeon, a native of Berne, Switzerland, and for nearly half a century resident and in extensive practice in Clifton and Bristol.

August 21st, Alexander Miller, Esq., Edinburgh, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

September 2nd, at Sheerness, James Potter, M.D., a Member of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association.

September 9th, aged 26, Thomas Hugh Heskett Davies, Esq., Surgeon, Liverpool.

September 11th, at Costorphine, aged 39, William Henderson, M.D.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Members of the Association having suggestions to make for the improvement of the publications of the Association, are requested to communicate with Mr. Bree, the Secretary of the Committee appointed at Norwich to consider this subject.