

still further enfeebled a constitution already much shaken. Symptoms which were considered to be the precursors of an attack of fever shewed themselves on the day after this journey, and although on Saturday, May 7th, the attempt to return home was made, Dr. Meyer was unable to proceed farther than Exeter. There he received the kindest attention from Dr. Drake and Mr. Cumming, of that city, but throughout Sunday life slowly ebbed, and on Monday morning, May 9th, far away from home and family, he breathed his last.

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DR. H. L. KEMPTHORNE.

It is with great regret that we record the premature death of Dr. Henry Law Kempthorne, who though only twenty-nine years of age, had already given evidence of great attainments in that branch of the profession to which he was devoted.

He was born at Wedmore, in Somerset, of a family remarkable for University distinction. His grandfather was senior wrangler in 1790, his father a distinguished scholar, and his only brother a first-class classic and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. He was educated at Marlborough, and in 1858 was articled to Horace Swete, Esq., of Wroughton, who writes—"No man ever had a better pupil, nor has the profession ever had a member of greater promise."

In 1860 Dr. Kempthorne entered at King's College, where he gained the Warneford Scholarship and other prizes. He obtained the gold medal of the Apothecaries' Company for *Materia Medica*, and at the University of London he took honours at the First and Second M.B., and in 1865 obtained the gold medal at the M.D. examination. He took the L.R.C.P. in 1863, and the M.R.C.P. in 1869.

Much esteemed by the students, and by the Medical staff, he held office as House-physician and Resident Accoucheur at King's College Hospital. He was also for some time Resident Medical Officer to the Carey Street Dispensary. He was elected in 1866 Assistant Medical Officer to the Bethlem Royal Hospital, which post he held till his death.

Always apt to work spasmodically, he often read all through the night, became restless and feverish, could not sleep without chloral, which he prescribed for himself, and took to excess. He gave up eating solid food. Neuralgic pain in the jaw occurring, he induced a dental friend to remove a stump, and a surgical friend took out from the gum a bit of fissured alveolus. After exposure to cold, inflammation of the submaxillary gland—only subdued by leeches—added one more to the many exhausting influences; he became delirious, thoroughly prostrate, and sank on May 16th. He was buried at Wedmore, where he was much beloved.

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GEORGE WILLIAM LAWRENCE, M.D.

At the early age of thirty-seven, an accomplished physician has been lost to the profession in Dr. George William Lawrence, who died on the 22nd ult., at Laver Breton Hall. Educated at King's College, of which he was an Associate, he graduated M.B. Lond. in 1857 and in 1859. He held the posts of house-physician to King's College Hospital and of lecturer on botany at Middlesex Hospital; and afterwards devoted himself to the specialty of lunacy. He was successively resident physician at the Camberwell House Lunatic Asylum and medical superintendent of the Cambridge County Asylum—a situation from which increasing ill-health compelled him, in 1867, to seek the retirement of the superannuation list.—"Lancet."