

ly revealed by *post mortem* examinations. In the present case the entire attention of the physician, was directed to the seat of agonizing pain; even if his attention were directed to a careful examination of the part, the fatty condition would have been difficult not impossible of detection in the excited state under which the patient laboured, from the excruciating pain which he suffered.

I certainly think large doses of narcotic medicines decidedly dangerous in the treatment of calculi, whether biliary or urinary, or in obstructions where the irritating cause might be removed in an instant; for when the irritating body is removed, the narcotic will act with double power, and be likely to go further than was intended. Taking, as an illustration of what may, the passage of a calculus down the gall duct, which leads from the gall bladder to the intestine during its passage it will pain (if larger than the duct) so much as to keep up an amount of irritation sufficient to render a person proof—if I might so term it—against the narcotic; in other words, it will not narcotize as long as an irritant more exciting than *bastinado* exists; but as soon as the gallstone passes, which it might do within an instant of the administration of the last dose of the narcotic, then the patient, having a system already exhausted, and susceptible of narcotism, will soon become a victim to its now too powerful influence. Such was the case of Mr. Stafford—as long as the gallstone delayed in the duct, narcotics had little or no influence, an irritant more powerful than *bastinado* kept the patient sensible to pain, though the pain was mitigated under the combined influence of narcotics and bleeding, and it was not until the gallstone passed that Mr. Stafford got quite narcotized.

Now if his heart had not been so fatty, but more muscular and more capable of propelling the stimulating fluid (the blood) through the system, it is probable that Mr. Stafford, as several who are treated similarly, would experience but little of the sad effects that followed.

As regards the cause of death, I will put it thus: Mr. Stafford was attacked with the passage of a gallstone, he got narcotics to enable him to endure the pain consequent on its passage, he was bled to relax the gall duct, and make him more susceptible of the influence of the sedative, the gallstone passed, he bled more by accident, and the action of the sedative was on that account, and considering the disease of the heart, such as to render it necessary to have recourse to the means of resuscitating for narcotic poisoning (*bastinado*) after he got rid of the effects of the narcotic, the whole organic powers of the constitution were prostrated, the nervous power was exhausted, the heart unenergated and fatty was incapable of circulating the stimulating and nourishing fluid, the kidneys ceased to act—and the man died from debility and prostration of the powers nature had endowed him with. We find parallel cases in those who have received a severe burn, and who often die suddenly from exhaustion of the powers of nature when the whole burn is completely healed with the exception of a small ulcer about the size of a half crown.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. HAYES, M. D. M. R. C. S. L.

Rathkeale, December 1st,  
1857.

At Galle, Ceylon, James M Logan, Esq. to Jemina second daughter of the late Stephen Clarke Norris, Esq. of London.

## DEATHS.

On Thursday morning, at Kilpeacon Rectory, after a short illness, to the inexpressible grief of her bereaved parents, to whom her many amiable qualities had peculiarly endeared her, Henrietta Letitia, the dearly beloved daughter of the Rev. Edward Herbert. Her end was perfect peace, through humble but unshaken faith and confidence in the all-sufficient merits of her precious SAVIOUR, on whom her every hope was fixed while passing through the valley of the shadow of death.

On Sunday last, the 29th inst. at Wakefield Thomas Parsons, youngest son of the late Richard Parsons of Cragbeg, in this county.

Last night, at her residence, George-street, Maria, the beloved wife of Mr. Edmund S. Beveridge. A large circle of friends mourn her demise; her loss is felt intensely by her afflicted family. Her remains will be interred at ten o'clock on Monday morning.

At Thomondgate, Essy, daughter of the late William Taylor, Esq.

On the 2d instant, at his house, Nelson-st, Tipperary, W. A. Evans, Esq. M.D. after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian resignation.

On Tuesday, at Charleville, Mr. Owen Carroll, universally and deservedly regretted by a numerous and respectable circle of friends and acquaintances.

On Thursday, at Blessington-st, Dublin, in the 80th year of his age, Nicholas Purcell O'Gorman, Esq. Assistant-Barrister for the county Kilkenny, and formerly Secretary to the Catholics of Ireland. His remains arrived in this city to-day by train, and a hearse being in waiting at the terminus the coffin was transferred thereto, and the funeral procession moved on to Killebabane churchyard, near Ennis, where the body was interred in the family vault.

In Dublin, the Rev. Alexander Franklin A.M.

In Grantham-street, Marianus, relict of the late Thomas Rawson, Esq.

In Charlemont-street, Mrs. Hendriken:

At Clontarf, Anne Hanna Amelia, relict of Thomas Heron, Esq. Surveyor of the General Post-office in Ireland.

At Ard O'Geena, Catherine, wife of Florence M'Carthy, Esq. J.P. and cousin of the Liberator.

In Bandon, William Lovell, Esq.

At Huntington, Queen's County, Jane, wife of Col Chidley Coote.

In Roscrea, John Cretty, Esq. an extensive merchant.

At Spittalfields, Butterant Fitzgerald O'Keefe, Esq.

At Rathdrum, co. Wicklow, the Rev. George Carroll, late of Maynooth College.

Miss Wilson, daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Milburn, co Galway.

At Brooklawn, Tinker Mills, Peter, second son of Mr. P. Regan.

At Sullyhenan, Banbridge, Down, Katherine, wife of John Lindsay, Esq.

In London Andrew Knox Hunter, late Lieutenant of the 37th Madras Grenadiers.

At Kensington Palace, Eliza Gulston Stepney, niece of the late Sir John Stepney, Bart.

At Twickenham, Colonel Lewis A. Northey, formerly Quartermaster-General on the Staff in Ireland.

At Bognor, Elizabeth Anne, wife of Lt-Col Andrews.

At Owar Cottage Fawley, Southampton, aged 63, Elizabeth, wife of Rear Admiral Jenkinson.

Jeremiah Nettleton Balme, Esq. of Gloucester, and late of Rycroft, near Leeds.

At Nice, aged 74, Alexander Saunderson, Esq. of Castle Saunderson, county Cavan, Colonel of the Cavan Militia.

At Ottawa U.S., Jane, second daughter of T. Godfrey, Esq. M.D. J.P. of Brom-hill, co Cork.

At Government House, Barbadoes, Francis, son of Lieut-Colonel Ready, late 71st Regt.

At Deoghur, killed by the mutineers of his own Regt, the 33d BNI, Henry Charles Astley, son of Sir Astley P. Cooper, Bart. of Gulebridge.

At Bolarum, Deccan, East Indies, the Hon. Mrs R. Campbell, of Ballochyle, Argyleshire, youngest daughter of the Rt. Hon. John Viscount Arbuthnot.

At Dinapore, Captain Turner, 8th Bengal NI. During the assault of Delhi, John Tierney Davidson, Esq. late Lieutenant 26th BNI.

At Madras Arthur T Simpson, Esq. Drowned in the Daubar, George Peurose Du Vernet, aged 16, midshipman.

Killed, at Delhi, Lieut. E. V. Briscoe, 75th Regt. Captain John Steane, wrecked in the Daubar.