

of the king's heart argued him to be as very considerate, so extraordinary fearfull, which hindered him from attempting any great actions."

According to another account, the head was found so full of brains that they could not keep them from falling out, "a great mark of his infinite judgment," but his blood was "tainted with melancholy, and the corruption thereof the supposed cause of death." On the back of an engraving in the collection of Beckford of Fonthill, there is an account of this autopsy. Here it is stated that the spleen was enlarged. Death was really caused, then, by ague attacking a gouty man with damaged kidneys. A shilling's worth of quinine might have saved life.

Another very curious record of this illness was found written at the end of a Book of Common Prayer, in the library of St. John's College, Oxford. The author of it was Sir William Paddy, a physician of great name, one of the king's attendants. "Being sent for to Thibaulde butt two daies before the death of my soveraigne lord and master King James, I held it my christian dutie to prepare hym, telling hym that there was nothing left for me to doe (in ye afternoon before his death ye next day at noone) but to pray for his soule. Whereupon ye Archbishop and ye Lord Keeper Byshop of Lincolne demanded if his Majestie wold be pleased that they shold praye with hym, whereunto he cheerfullie accorded. And after short praier, these sentences were by ye Byshop of Lincolne distinctly read unto him, who, with eies (the messengers of his hert) lifted up into Heaven, att the end of every sentence, gave to us all thereby a goodlie assurance of those graces and civillie faith wherewith he apprehended the mercy of our Lord and onelie Saviour Christ Jesus, accordinglie as in his goodlie life he had publiquellie professed."

The attendants in this illness were Sir Theodore de Mayerne, Sir William Paddy, and Dr. Craig.

Again there was meddlesome interference with the medical men, which in this case was a cause of great trouble to all concerned. Everybody had an infallible remedy to offer to the king. The Buckingham party, including the duke's mother, anxious to meddle in everything about the court, brought suspicion upon