

WILLIAM MORANT BAKER, F.R.C.S.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of this excellent surgeon and amiable man, who died at Pulborough, Sussex, England, on 3rd October, after several years of ill-health. Mr. Morant Baker was born in October, 1839, so that he had barely completed his 57th year. While one of the junior teachers at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, he undertook the task of editing the fifth edition of Dr. Kirkes's "Hand-book of Physiology," the work with which his name has been widely known to students of medicine, and whose success as a text book of this difficult subject gained him the confidence of a whole generation of instructors and students. He succeeded Sir William Savory as lecturer in physiology at St. Bartholomew's in 1869, and held the appointment for 16 years. He was elected assistant surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in 1871 and surgeon in 1882.

His reports of cases attracted wide attention and appeared from time to time in the journals. He was a careful clinical observer and an able and judicious operator. As an examiner at the Collège of Surgeons and the Universities of London and Durham, he was both just and considerate, and his character and personality made him an excellent mentor as well as friend of the student and also of the young doctor, while his kindness of manner endeared him to both.

Failing health compelled him to give up his appointment at St Bartholomew's and seek rest in the retirement of the country, but in September he was taken seriously ill and passed away early in October.

LOUIS LÉON DESAULNIERS, M.D.

We regret to have to record the death of Dr. Desaulniers which occurred on the 31st October last, after only a few days' illness.

He was born at Yamachiche, P.Q., in 1823, and graduated in medicine from Harvard University in 1846.

He was Inspector of Prisons and Asylums for twenty-eight years and for many years chairman of that board.

He was well known in political circles, having been elected member of the Canadian House of Assembly in 1854, and member of the House of Commons in 1867 and again in 1878. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Province and also a Lieut.-Colonel of Militia.