

CASE IV.—An elderly man was brought into the theatre for operation by Mr. Prichard. A small quantity only of chloroform had been given, when the pulse suddenly stopped, and the man appeared dead. The galvanic apparatus was near, and was instantly used. A deep and rapid inspiration, succeeded by a strong noisy expiration, like a loud groan, was the immediate result; and at the same time he started up into the sitting posture. The circulation was at once restored, and he entirely recovered. All these things occurred in little more time than it takes to describe them. One thing followed another so rapidly

CASE V.—The next case occurred in the practice of my much regretted colleague, the late Mr. Ralph Bernard. An elderly woman was placed on the table to have the trachea opened for disease of the larynx. The veins of the neck were large and numerous, and a good deal of blood escaped; hence Mr. Bernard was obliged to proceed slowly in exposing the trachea. Perhaps half an hour was occupied in this way; when the pulse suddenly stopped, and to all around she appeared dead. Galvanism was instantly applied, with the same result as in the last case. Circulation and respiration were instantly restored. The trachea was then opened in the usual way

CASE VI.—The next case occurred to myself. A boy was on the table for operation. A small quantity of chloroform was given, when suddenly the pulse became hardly perceptible, but did not stop entirely. Galvanism was at once used by Mr. Crisp, of Swallowfield, then house-surgeon; and in an instant recovery was the result.

CASE VII.—The next case was that of a girl placed on the table for amputation of the leg by Mr. Bernard. Chloroform was being given, when suddenly the pulse stopped. Galvanism was at once used, and instant restoration was the result. She was taken back to the ward. The next day, half a tumbler of brandy was given her. She was brought into the theatre, the tourniquet slightly screwed, and the leg was taken off by Mr. Bernard. When again in her ward, she did not know that her leg had been removed.

The last death from chloroform occurred in 1858. Since that time, no fatal case has happened in the operating theatre. The third death took place in the out-patient room.