

constitution as his brother, to enable him to stand before the furnace, and wield the hammer, was destined to the less laborious, though not less trying and painful office of a surgeon.

John was, therefore, at the age of twelve years, sent from home, for the advantage of better schooling than could be obtained in his native town, and placed under the care of a Mr. Moses, at Donnington, about twenty miles from his own place of residence.

Whether Mr. Moses was, or was not, a lineal descendant of the Jewish lawgiver, whose name he bore, I am not able to say.

But he was a very good lawgiver in his own dominions, and preserved excellent order in the academy over which he was set as head, to 'teach the young idea how to shoot.'

He taught John R. Jewitt's ideas to shoot into arithmetic, surveying, navigation, English grammar, &c.; but into *Latin*, John did not much like to have his master direct them.