

Mr. Daintry was a native of England, and came to this country to fill a subordinate, but respectable situation in the department of the General Post Office. He became a member of the Literary and Historical Society, in 1835, and in May, 1836, was appointed Curator of the Society's apparatus, which situation he continued to fill up to the period of his death, with diligence, punctuality and zeal, to the great advantage of the Institution. In 1837, he read before the Society an ingenious paper on the rotatory motion of small revolving bodies, and not long afterwards a paper of interesting observations on the Aurora Borealis. In the spring of 1839 he received the well merited thanks of the Society for a lecture on the subject of Light, in which he supported with much ability the theory of undulation, and illustrated his views by drawings, prepared by himself, with much ingenuity and care to depict the undulatory motion of the subtle areal fluid.

In 1840, he again delivered before the Society, a lecture on Magnetism, in which he manifested the same knowledge of his subject as in his former production, and the same facility and happiness of illustration and experiment.

As an officer of the Society, and as a member of occasional Committees, Mr. D. was an example of assiduity, and of attention to the duties he undertook, and to the interests of the Society; his last labor in its service at a moment when the hand of death may be said to have been upon him, was in preparing, in May last, an accurate and careful report upon papers which had been referred to him for his judgment, as to their suitability for publication; and which will shortly be printed in the forthcoming fasciculus of the Transactions of the Society.

Mr. Daintry's amiable and simple manners and character, will long be remembered by those who had opportunities of intercourse with him; the distinguishing peculiarity of his mind, was an ardent desire for improvement in knowledge; his hours of leisure after the routine of official toil were dedicated to literary and scientific studies; his recreations lay in pursuits that might form the serious labour of other minds; and there is too much reason to fear that he thus aggravated, the insidious malady which ultimately undermined his constitution; sensible