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Sudden death of a Member of the University of Cambridge

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, an inquest was held by Mr. Cooper, Coroner for the Borough at The Little Rose, Trumpington Street, on the body of Mr. William GASSON of Christ's College, who was found dead in bed on Monday morning.

The deceased gentleman was 29 years of age, and had just taken an aegrotat degree on Saturday last. From the evidence of Mr. Johnson, surgeon, at the post-mortem examination the cause of death was enlargement of the heart, producing an obstruction in the valves of the left ventricle.

It seems that the deceased, who lodged at Mrs. Rudd's, near Addenbrooke's Hospital, had been in precarious health, and was occasionally attended by Mr. Johnson, during the whole of his university course. He had likewise consulted some of the metropolitan members of the medical profession. On Sunday however, he was able to attend church, and at half-past ten o'clock on Sunday night he retired to rest in much his usual state.

On Monday morning, one of the members of Mrs. Rudd's family rapped at his door, and receiving no answer, entered and found that the deceased had been dead some hours. This event, "though so awfully sudden", was not unexpected by Mr. Johnson, who, however, thinks that it may have been accelerated in some measure by the natural excitement consequent to taking his degree.

The Rev. James Cartmell, Fellow and Tutor of Christ's College, attended the inquest. The jury returned a verdict of "Natural death".

William was buried in Mill Road cemetery on February 2 1849.