



## Death of Mr. John Gay

Two Wiltshire medical gentlemen - each highly respected in the locality in which he resided - died last week; viz., Dr. Salter of Malmesbury, and Mr. John Gay of Swindon. The former gentleman died of typhoid fever, after protracted suffering of three weeks' duration. Cut off in the prime of his life, and in the midst of a useful and successful career, he leaves behind him a name which will long be held in the highest honor, while the recollection of his sterling qualities, his self-sacrificing character, and his unremitting devotedness to the duties of his profession will cause his memory to be long cherished with sincere affection and regard.

Mr. Gay was in his 79th year, and had retired from the active duties of his profession for several years, being succeeded by his son, the late John Gay, Jnr., but he could not be said to have actually ceased work until about three years since, when he was attacked suddenly with paralysis. Mr. Gay's naturally good constitution, however enabled him to bear an illness which would have been instantly fatal to many men of his years, and he recovered in an almost miraculous manner from the attack, regaining his speech, and the partial use of his limbs, while his mental faculties were unimpaired up to the time of his death. Mr. Gay was the oldest inhabitant of Swindon at the time of his death, and was one of a past generation, surviving, but a few years Mr. James Bradford, Mr. J. H. Sheppard, Mr. Jefferies, and other respected and venerable inhabitants of Swindon.

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