

Alfred, son of John Jukes, merchant, Birmingham.

Alfred Jukes, born on 24th September 1792, the eighth son of Mr. John Jukes, merchant, of Bordesley House near Birmingham (a sufferer in the Church and King riots in that town of 1791), became fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and a distinguished surgeon in his native town. On leaving school he attended the practice of the General Hospital, Birmingham, and of the Westminster Hospital, London, continuing his studies under Joshua Brookes, the great anatomist, John Hunter and others, was admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and on the 15th June 1813 was elected house surgeon to the first-named institution. In September 1820 he resigned the office, and the degree to which his services were appreciated will be best understood when it is recorded that the governors of the hospital voted 30l (£) to be expended in a piece of plate presented to him 'in testimony of their sense of his meritorious and exemplary discharge of the arduous duties of house surgeon during seven years.' In March 1823 Mr. Jukes was elected one of the surgeons of the hospital, on the occasion of a vacancy, and retained the office until 1843, a period of twenty years, when impaired health, and the onerous duties of private practice compelled him to retire from it. He died on the 9th October in the following year, at the age of 52, after a long and painful illness, aggravated if not caused by injury received whilst dressing a very bad case of a patient at the hospital. He was buried at the Birmingham general cemetery, where there is a monument with an inscription referring to him in terms of praise, both as regards his professional and private life. At the time of his death a short notice of his career appeared in the Birmingham papers. He deservedly enjoyed a high place in the estimation of his professional brethren as a sound master in surgery, and few ever possessed in a larger degree the confidence of their patients. He occasionally contributed papers to medical periodicals, and published in 1842, *A Case of Carcinomatous Stricture of the Rectum*. As an operator he was most successful, especially in cases of strangulated hernia, and lithotomy.

Mr. Jukes married on the 7th April 1825 Sarah, only daughter of Mr. James Meredith of Birmingham, and left two sons and one daughter. His elder son, Alfred Meredith, is a solicitor in Australia; the younger, Joseph Hordern, M.A. of Wadham college, Oxford, is in holy orders. His daughter, Sarah, married Mr. Charles H. Allen of Stoke Newington, F.R.C.S., and author of *A Visit to Queensland and her Goldfields*, very recently published, London, Chapman and Hall.

This scholar was uncle to the late J. Beete Jukes, esq., A.M., F.R.S., &c., professor of geology at the Royal college of science, and author of several valuable works on geology, and director of the Geographical survey department in Ireland, who died in Dublin on the 29th July 1869.

The father of this scholar died on the 10th October 1822, aged 66, and his widow, Elizabeth, daughter of William Mansfield, of Bushbury hill, Staffordshire, to whom he was married in February 1782, lived to the age of 80, dying on the 9th June 1839.

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