

he used a ridge and furrow roof and a double gutter bar, very similar to, if not identical with, those which formed such important features in the construction of the Crystal Palace in 1851. A similar mode of roofing was also adopted by him, in 1850, for the vineries erected for Mr. Francis Wright, of Osmaston Manor.

He was a man of studious habits, and was a good amateur artist ; his drawings and etchings exhibiting considerable power, and his love of retirement and for wandering in the country, gave a mild and placid tone to his communications with all around him. He suffered, for some considerable period, from a very unusual and painful complaint, an accumulation of "hydatids" on the liver, to an extent perhaps scarcely ever before recorded, and he died on the 16th of August 1852, generally regretted as a good man and a valuable member of society.

He was a member of several scientific societies, at whose meetings he was a frequent attendant ; he joined this Institution as an Associate in the year 1828, and was ever ready to forward its interests in every way.

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MR. HENRY VINT was born in London in the year 1778, and after receiving his education at the Soho School, under Dr. Barrow, entered into business as a shawl manufacturer, in which, however, he did not long continue ; but being in possession of ample means, he frequently visited the Continent, and resided at Naples for nearly six years, cultivating that taste for the fine arts which induced him, eventually, to make the collection of pictures, bronzes, and antiquities, &c., which, at his decease, he liberally bequeathed to the town of Colchester, where he had fixed his residence. He took a very active part in the public affairs of that town, was twice elected Mayor, and in acknowledgment of the services he rendered, in procuring the erection of the new town-hall, he was presented with a valuable piece of plate by his townsmen.

Mr. Vint joined the Institution as an Associate in the year 1838, and frequently attended the meetings, being much attached to mechanical pursuits. He was the inventor of a sub-merged paddle-wheel for steamers, for which he took out

patents, and of which he exhibited the model at the last conversazione, only a few weeks before his decease, which occurred suddenly, on the 22nd of June, 1852, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, universally regretted by all who had the good fortune to enjoy his acquaintance.

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MR. HENRY CHARLES RAWNSLEY was elected a Graduate of this Institution on the 21st March 1840, and his decease is supposed to have occurred in the year 1852 ; but all attempts to procure any particulars of his professional career have been fruitless.

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