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yoke, this reluctant consent will appear a striking illustration of the fact, that the desire of doing good, which was a ruling principle with him through life, was strong in death.

The Biographical Memoir prefixed is principally extracted from a Discourse by the Editor, delivered at the interment of the Author. Those who desire a more minute account of his professional character and writings, are referred to a valuable "Memoir prepared in compliance with a vote of the Essex South District Medical Society, and published at their request."

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J. B.

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