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BRIEF NOTICE OF THE LIFE AND LABOURS
OF THE LATE

CORNELIUS VARLEY,

ARTIST, F.R.M.S., &c. &c.

At the request of numerous friends the following notice has been compiled; and it is hoped it will be the more acceptable for being written as a plain and simple narrative.

CORNELIUS VARLEY was one of the original founders of the old Water Colour and Royal Microscopic Societies. He was a life member of the Society of Arts and of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and Visitor of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, &c., &c. He was born November 21st, 1781, at Hackney, at what was previously the Blue Post Tavern, but which, with its large surrounding grounds, his father, Richard Varley, had converted into a private residence. Through his mother, whose maiden name was Fleetwood, he was a descendant of General Fleetwood, who married Oliver Cromwell's daughter Bridget.

The earliest impression he was wont to refer to was an accident that might have cost him his life. When four years old he fell from the first-floor window head foremost. The garden had recently been re-dug, and