THE LATE MR. DAVID SPENCER.

MEMOIR OF THE DECEASED.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. David Spencer, which took place at his residence, Warwick-row, on Saturday morning, at about three o'clock. The deceased gentleman, as our readers are aware, had been ill for some weeks, having been seized on the 3rd May with an attack of paralysis on the right side, which became complicated with bronchitis and other affections, from which he had been lying in a precarious condition. His death was therefore not unexpected. It took place quietly, and without any apparent pain.

Mr. Spencer may be described as a true type of the successful merchant. He was in a real sense the architect and builder of his own fortunes. The son of Mr. William Spencer, ribbon manufacturer, he was born at Little Heath, Foleshill, where his father resided, on November 19 1835. He received his education in Coventry, and was afterwards apprenticed to Mr. William Browett, general draper, who carried on business in the premises now occupied by Mr. Frank Curtis, in Cross Cheaping. Having served the full term of seven years, Mr. Spencer shortly afterwards began on his own account. Beginning his career on the 8th May, 1859, as a general draper, in premises May lane, when only twenty-two years old, with a capital of £20, he succeeded by industry, integrity, and thrift, in establishing an important business, and making for himself a position which, combined with the reputation of being a man who was thoroughly honest in his dealings, and who was ever ready to assist a deserving young man, gained for him the respect of his fellow-citizens. The success of his business was due to the fact that he was ever on the alert to meet the requirements of the public, and was ever ready to adopt the latest improvements in the art of his business. The premises now occupied by Mr. Frank Curtis, in Cross Cheaping, having served the full term of seven years, Mr. Spencer shortly afterwards took