Henry Darcy 1803-1858 - Biography by Caudemberg
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Henry Darcy, engineer, designer of Dijon’s water supply system, person renowned for his research on pipe flow that resulted in the Darcy-Weisbach equation and initiator of the open channel research program completed by Henry Bazin (1829-1917) is being commemorated on the bi-centennial of his birth. This paper reviews his abilities by providing an original English translation of an obituary by Girard de Caudemberg, an intimate friend and colleague of Darcy. Caudemberg's obituary has been generally overlooked by historians and present engineers and should be of some interest to the hydraulic community. The story of the gold medal presented to Darcy for his services to the city of Dijon is reported here, as well as unique personal observations.