

OBITUARY.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. William Mundie, Landscape Gardener, at his residence in Hamilton, on the 9th of April, aged 47 years. Mr. Mundie was a native of Aberdeenshire, and emigrated to this Province some twelve or fourteen years since. He was the first to bring into practice the most approved principles for laying out and ornamenting grounds, gardens, cemeteries, &c., as several places in different localities fully testify. Among his earlier efforts may be mentioned, the gardens and shrubberies of several private residences in the suburbs of Hamilton, Toronto, and other places. The Normal School grounds evince the taste and sound judgment which he brought to bear on matters of this sort. Mr. Mundie took a warm interest in all efforts for the diffusion of correct taste and knowledge of the beautiful objects of his profession, as the valuable paper which he read before the Toronto Agricultural and Horticultural Club, on ornamental planting, gardening, &c., and published at the time in this journal, amply testify. His removal is a public loss; but the results of his labors will endure, and long remain as monuments of his professional taste and ability. The writer of this brief notice had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with the deceased, both in his public and private relations, for several years, and most cheerfully testifies to the high worth of his character, and the pains-taking spirit and conscientious fidelity, with which he discharged his professional duties. He was a man of deeds rather than of words, and the confidence reposed in his judgment and integrity of purpose, was never found to be misplaced. Let us hope that others will rise up, and carry on to a greater extent and perfection, the work which he so successfully commenced.

NO FALLING OFF.—We are pleased, says the *Country Gentleman*, to learn that breeders of improved stock have so little cause for discouragement in the general dullness that has much diminished or altogether frustrated so many branches of business. The demand for Short Horns, for example, is probably increasing more than enough at the east, to make up for any lack of Western purchasers that may have arisen, partly from the largely increased number of fine herds now in condition at the West to meet the home demand, and partly from the general scarcity there of funds available for transmission. We have recently recorded several sales of short-horns to the New-England States, and may now add the disposal by Mr. Thorne, of Dutchess Co., of a number of superior animals in this direction. Among them are the cows 'Cypress' and 'Constance' to A. H. Beach, Esq., of Merwinsville, Ct., and 'Lady Millicent' to J. H. Thomas, Esq., of Vermont—all imported. We are also informed that Raw Jackson, of Ohio, has recently purchased from the same herd the young bull 'Inca,' and G. W. Coffin, of Dutchess Co., the bull 'Argyle,' got by '2d Grand Duke.' What is rather unusual in so large a herd, we believe that Mr. Thorne has no males now for sale—having already this spring disposed of what could be spared from his herd.

HONOR CONFERRED UPON AN AMERICAN GEOLOGIST.—Prof. James Hall, the Geologist, has been awarded the Wollaston medal by the Royal Geological Society, the first instance of the award of that honor to an American. Since 1856, this medal has been struck in Palladium, in commemoration of the discovery of that metal by Dr. Wollaston.