

long list of worthies departed. Among those of Europe may be mentioned Claude Bernard, Rokitsansky, Blundell, Hilton, Stokes, Churchill, Wunderlich, Griffiths, Basham, Bartels, Linhart, Weber, &c. In the United States we may specially mention Atlee, Peaslee, Clarke (Boston), and F. G. Smith, (Philadelphia); besides a large number of brave men in the yellow fever epidemic. Among our own brethren in Canada whose loss we deplore are Drs. Hodder, B. Workman, Bridgman and Henry (Toronto); Bullen (Hamilton); R. S. McDonnell, Peltier, Bell, Park, Duhamel and Malhiot (Montreal); Rankin (Picton); Lister (Belleville); Adams (Tavistock); Wright (Oakville); Patterson, (Streetsville); Waddell (Truro, N.S.); Clawson (Salisbury, N.S.); Lawson (Bedford, P.E.I.); Davignon (Longueuil, Que.); Haney (Fenwick); Langstaff (King); Matheson (Embro); etc. etc.

The past summer in Canada has been remarkable for its extremes of heat during the summer months, especially July and August; and excess of moisture during the latter part of summer and beginning of autumn, yet the health of the community has been on the whole very good. There have been a few outbreaks of diphtheria and scarlet fever in different parts, and especially in the Maritime Provinces, but no serious epidemics, and no sad disasters by sea or land.

We conclude by wishing all our readers a happy New Year, and many pleasant returns of the season.

THE LATE DR. WADDELL.

The late Dr. Waddell, whose death was noticed in our last issue, was for more than a quarter of a century Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, New Brunswick. He was born in Truro, N. S., in 1810, and was therefore in his 68th year at the time of his death. He commenced his medical studies in 1833, and received the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, in 1839. He then went to Paris where he remained two years in attendance upon the hospitals and medical lectures. On his return home he commenced practice in Truro. In 1849 he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the New Brunswick Lunatic Asylum, the duties of which he continued to discharge with untiring energy and fidelity until the spring of

1876—a period of 27 years. The constant work and worry in the management of an establishment of this kind soon make sad havoc of the strongest and most robust, and Dr. Waddell was no exception to the rule. Finding his health giving way he retired from the asylum, in order to recuperate; but instead of that repose for which retirement was sought, it was found that the change from an active to a passive life was more than his shattered constitution could withstand. He was a man possessed of great kindness of heart, of a benevolent disposition, and was eminently qualified for the discharge of those duties, which formed the great business of his life. He was gentle, yet possessed of sufficient firmness, and never failed to command respect and obedience. In his manner he was affable and gentlemanly, and many visitors to the asylum will remember with pleasure the kind treatment they received from him. No man was better known in the Maritime Provinces; and there is no one whose memory will be held in more grateful remembrance than that of Dr. Waddell. His wife, who survived him only a few months, died very suddenly on the 3rd ult.; so long and happily united in life, they were not long separated in death.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.—A training school for nurses has been established in connection with the Toronto General Hospital. Dr. O'Rielly, the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, visited several institutions of the kind in the United States, during the past summer, and his report has been made the basis of the present arrangement. The duration of the course is two years, and is very complete. Instruction will be given by attending and resident physicians, at the bedside of the patients, and in various ways; and also by the matron and head nurse. During the first year the candidates will be supplied with board and lodging, and will be paid \$6 per month in return for their services. During the second year they will receive \$9 per month, in addition to board and lodging. Candidates must be over twenty and under thirty-five years of age. Applications for admission should be made as early as possible, to the Medical Superintendent, or the Matron of the Hospital.

URANINE.—We are indebted to the editor of the *Scientific American* for a sample of this new coloring matter, derived from coal tar. It is the most