

from the busy scene of his labors. An esteemed contributor to this journal, he has favored us with many articles, one of which will be found in another column. He had also actively contributed to the establishment and success of the Lachute College and the Huntingdon Academy. Twice in each year he visited regularly all the schools in his extensive district of inspection, which comprised the County of Huntingdon, parts of the Counties of Châteauguay and Argenteuil, and the Protestant schools of the City of Montreal; and the reports which he made of these visits were invariably drawn up with the utmost care, and contained statistical and other information of great value. In him the public has lost a faithful and zealous servant, and the Department an able collaborator.—*Lower Canada Journal of Education*.

No. 20.—JOHN S. MCCOLL, ESQ.

Died, at his residence, in the Township of Aldborough, on the 17th instant, after a short but painful illness of 18 hours' duration, John S. McColl, aged 37 years. Deceased was quiet, modest and unassuming in his manners; frank, honest, and sincere in his intercourse; warm and ardent in his attachments; constant, faithful, and unflinching in his friendship. In boyhood he contracted a love for learning, and made use of the best of our Common Schools to attain his purpose. He has ever been diligent in acquiring information on educational, literary and political questions. To this end he invested very liberally in books, which he always selected with great care and good judgment. His reading and information was therefore much more extensive than was generally supposed. Whatever he undertook to do, he did heartily; and no good cause ever appealed to his sympathy or his support in vain. The abilities that were bestowed on him were ever exercised for good, and with such a transparent honesty of purpose, as to give him a quiet but extensive influence.—When in April, 1849, A. McLachlin, Esq. resigned the office of Local Superintendent of Schools for the West Riding of the County, deceased was appointed by the County Council his successor, and he continued to discharge the duties of that office with diligence until the day of his death.—*Home Journal*.

RECENT DEATHS.

—MR. BARTHELEMI LACHANCE, of Deschambault, one of the leaders in the rebellion of 1837-8, and co-proprietor of the *Liberal* paper of Quebec, died a few days since in Deschambault village, at the age of 84 years. He was imprisoned, and at one time shared the cell of the late Judge A. N. Morin, also a prisoner.

—BISHOP FITZPATRICK, of Boston, whose death occurred recently, from softening of the brain, in the 53rd year of his age, was a native of that city, but was educated in the seminary of St. Sulpice, of Montreal.

—A. D. M. BELL, ESQ., A Quebec paper regrets to record the death of Alexander Davidson McKenzie Bell, Esq., which took place at his residence, Grande Alee, on Sunday evening. The deceased gentleman was the fourth son of the late Hon. Matthew Bell, and was connected with many of the oldest and most noted Quebec families. He had been engaged in mercantile pursuits, and was for many years a member of the firm of Forsyth, Bell, & Co.

—MR. BURSTALL. The Quebec *Cronicle* announces the death, from congestion of the lungs, of Mr. Burstall, at Kirk Ella, near Hull, England, in his 62nd year. He was a resident of Quebec for upwards of 30 years, and among the mercantile as well as with the whole community his loss will be deeply deplored; for as a merchant he was known for his strict honesty of purpose and singleness of heart.

—JAMES DORAS, ESQ., died on the 18th ultimo, at the age of 66 years. Mr. Doras emigrated to this country from the county of Fermanagh, Ireland, about 42 years ago, and settled in the township of Cavan, when that part of the country was almost a howling wilderness. After a residence of ten years amongst the "Blazers," Mr. Doras removed to Otonabee, where he has resided until his decease. He has been prominently mixed up with the municipal affairs of his township, having discharged for a long term the duties of councillor.—*Canadian Freeman*.

—W. H. GRAY, ESQ., died at Picton C. W., of congestion of the lungs, on the 5th of March, 1866, in the 90th year of his age. Mr. Gray was born in 1776, in the County of Louth, Ireland and entered upon his military career at Cornet, in the Yeomanry Cavalry of Ireland in 1796, and served through the Irish Rebellion of 1798. He also served as Lieutenant in the British Army during part of the Peninsular War in Spain, and in the American War in 1812-13. He was appointed in 1816 "Assistant Barrack Master General of Canada" in charge at Chambly, St. John's, Isle Aux Noix and La Prairie; also served at Kingston and Niagara, when he retired on

half-pay and was an active Magistrate at Kingston for several years. During the late Rebellion he was again called into active service as First-class Barrack Master at Montreal, St. Helens and Dependencies, where he served until 1854, when being deprived of his sight, he was, for his long and zealous services, of more than 57 years, permitted by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to retire on full pay for life as a Field Officer.—*North American*.

—WILLIAM P. McLAREN, ESQ., came to Hamilton more than a quarter of a century ago, when the city was little more than a village, and commenced business. He was exceedingly successful, more so than has usually fallen to the lot of man, and when, about six years ago he retired from business, he had amassed a most handsome fortune, being probably one of the wealthiest men in Upper Canada. His name is closely identified with the commercial history and progress of the city.

—DR. WOOLLEY, who was drowned in the London, was not Bishop of Sydney, as stated, but Principal of the Sydney University, which office he had held since the university was established twelve years ago. He was an Oxford man, and Fellow of University.

—MR. ALLAN STEVENSON, the eldest son of Robert Stevenson, died in England, on the 23rd of December last. Like his late father, he was a celebrated lighthouse engineer, and built no fewer than twenty-three lighthouses. He contributed largely to the knowledge of dioptrics, was a remarkable linguist, and author of many valuable treatises on those spheres of science with which he was most familiar.

—MR. JAMES CARGILL died, at Nassagaweya, County Halton, on the 10th ult., a native of Ireland, at the advanced age of 104 years and some months. This old gentleman was born in the year 1760—that in which George III. ascended the throne of Britain. He thus was a contemporary of all the stirring events of that long reign; was personally cognizant of the rise and fall of Napoleon; bore a part in the suppression of the Rebellion of 1798 in his native land, and might have held conversation with men who existed during the troublous times of the Pretender and his son Charles Edward.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

—JAMES GRANT, ESQ., L.R.C.S., Edinburgh, died at Ottawa, 14th inst. The deceased was born in 1806, in Scotland, and had, consequently, attained his sixtieth year. His father was James Grant, Esq., an advocate of some celebrity, and considerable ability, who in 1819 took the premium of the Highland Society of Scotland, for a History of the Gael—the prize consisted of a large silver cup. In 1829, at the age of twenty-three, he came and settled in Montreal. Shortly afterwards he removed to Martintown, Glengarry, in which place he remained until 1864. Upon one occasion he contested the County of Glengarry in the conservative interest but was defeated. He came to Ottawa, and when among us but a short time, his great professional skill and strong salient points of character had won for him numerous patients and hosts of friends.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

21. JOSEPH WORCESTER, LL.D.

Another eminent scholar has just passed away. Dr. Joseph Emerson Worcester, the renowned lexicographer, died recently at his residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the good old age of 81. He was born in Bedford, New Hampshire, on the 24th of August, 1784. He graduated at Yale College in 1811, and for several years after taught school. In 1819, he moved to Cambridge, and published a number of works on geography and history. In 1827, he issued his first work on lexicography, from which time till now he has devoted the principal portion of his time to this branch of literature. In 1830, his "Comprehensive, Pronouncing and Explanatory Dictionary" appeared, and in 1846, his "Universal and Critical Dictionary of the English Language." In 1860, after more than 30 years mostly spent in lexicographical studies and labours, he gave to the world his chief work, his *opus magnum*, "A Dictionary of the English Language." He also published many other literary and scientific treatises. He received the degree of LL.D. from Brown University and Dartmouth College, was a Fellow of the American Academy of Science, was a corresponding member of the Royal Geographical Society of London, and a member of other learned bodies. His death will cause a noticeable blank in the list of American scholars of eminence.

No. 22.—DR. RICHARDSON, THE LEXICOGRAPHER.

The latest English papers announce the death of Dr. Richardson, the lexicographer, at the age of ninety years. Making dictionaries appears to be a healthy business. It was only a few days ago that the death of Dr. Worcester, of Boston, was announced at the age of eighty-one. Walker, too, lived to a "good old age." Dr. Johnson was seventy-five when he died, and the late Noah Webster died