

of the continental practice of using but little meat in proportion to the vegetable food taken. His diet was always spare, and it may be doubted whether his health did not suffer from the abstemiousness of his habit of living, coupled with the constant strain to which he subjected his mental powers. But if this was so the motive was never the gratification of ambition or other unworthy object, but the pure love of action and desire to rightly use the powers bestowed upon him. No feature of his life was in fact more striking than his freedom from that anxious self-assertion which too often disfigures the characters of men of science. Whilst remarkably self-reliant, he never sought to thrust himself into notice, but rather kept out of view until drawn out by those who had learned his worth. Though never robust, his health rarely impeded his activity, and slight ailments were resolutely disregarded. There were no indications of approaching illness until he was attacked with a severe *rigor* about the 6th of March; this was followed by serious inflammation of the mouth, and on the subsidence of this local affection symptoms of typhoid fever appeared. On the 18th his condition first caused serious alarm. With little apparent change his strength gradually failed till the evening of the 24th, when he peacefully passed away.

Long will the memory of his fine, thoughtful features and spare frame dwell with many who have known and valued him, and long will they continue to miss the decided tones in which his clear judgment and exact knowledge were unhesitatingly expressed. With him every benevolent object connected with science or scientific men has lost a munificent supporter.

Mr. Hanbury remained to the last a member of the Society of Friends, amongst whom he had been brought up. With characteristic reticence he scarcely ever alluded to his own religious experience, but his habits of devotion, and an occasional expression, afford evidence of the reality of his Christian faith.

That a man thus endowed with talents both natural and acquired should be taken away ere he completes his fiftieth year, is to us an inscrutable mystery. The light of eternity alone can reveal the full significance of any life.

Varieties.

PURIFIED EXTRACT OF LICORICE.—In a notice on the preparation of this article, E. Ungewitter states that, by digesting stick-licorice in 90 per cent. alcohol, a resinous constituent of a disagreeable acrid taste is removed and the resulting extract (obtained with cold water) has an agreeable, purely sweet taste.—*Arch. d. Pharm. in Am. Jour. Pharm.*

TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAME OF BURNING PETROLEUM.—C. Ommeganck