

benefits of free locomotion, though little able to move itself. In its turn it serves to protect the crab by hiding him, and may also aid in killing or numbing his prey; and when the time comes that the crab must seek a new shell, he carefully assists his partner to change his home, also showing how greatly he appreciates the union. To other examples of this sort of partnership we have referred elsewhere in an account of the additions which have been made to the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England during the past year. An acacia tree finds itself in danger of destruction by ants and other insects, and enlists in its service a tribe of ants, who are not only innocuous, but ready to fight for the plant and keep off its foes. But the ants are true mercenaries, and will not serve without pay, and for them the tree provides food and shelter—hollow appendages (stipules) to live in, and nutrient fluids on which they may feed. Then, when the foes appear, they rush out and drive them off. The allied phenomena of parasitism, symbiosis, and commensalism illustrate in a marked manner the interdependence of organisms, and bring home to us in a picturesque manner the fact that few are able to live only for and by themselves, but that it is the common lot by serving others to serve ourselves.—*The Lancet*.

OBITUARY.

DANIEL HACK TUKE, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P.—Dr. Hack Tuke, the great alienist of England—probably the greatest in the world—died March 6th, at the age of sixty-eight.

E. D. WORTHINGTON, M.A., M.D.—We learn from the *Montreal Medical Journal* of March that Dr. E. D. Worthington, one of the oldest and most highly respected practitioners in the Province of Quebec, is dead. He was seventy-five years of age. He practised about 50 years in Sherbrooke.

KENNETH HUGH L. CAMERON, M.D.—We have to announce with deep regret the death of Dr. K. H. L. Cameron, M.D., at his late residence, Cayuga, on the morning of April 8th, in the forty-first year of his age. He was a student of the Toronto School for four years, and received the degree of M.B. from the University of Toronto in 1875; also M.D. in 1876. After graduating he commenced practice in Cayuga, where he remained until the time of his death. He was successful and highly respected both as a physician and a citizen.

SIR WILLIAM SCOVELL SAVORY, BART.—Mr. Savory, the distinguished surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, died after a short illness from influenza, March 4th, at the age of 69. He was very conservative, and, at the same time, brilliant in many respects; and, although he did not write much, was generally regarded in Great Britain and on the continent as one of the greatest surgeons of the age. *The British Medical Journal*, in an obituary notice, refers to a very pathetic incident in his life. In 1867 his finger was poisoned, and the septic process was transmitted to his wife, who dressed the injured hand. Mr. Savory recovered after a prolonged illness, but Mrs. Savory died.