

senior Sheriff and Colonel of Militia in the Province. For some time he had command of the 9th Military District, into which Upper and Lower Canada were divided. At one time he was President of the Provincial Agricultural Association, and took great interest in such matters being a public-spirited, enterprising man.

In 1860 he was thrown by accident from his buggy, and was seriously injured, recovering slowly and only partially.

In a short time he resumed his experimentings and writings on the theory of ventilation, on which he had been engaged several years, and continued them until 1866, when he was seized with apoplexy, and continued to gradually decline, until he expired, July 31, 1871. The *Cobourg Star* of the same week (August 2nd), from which we glean many of these facts, says that:

"Mr. Ruttan was a good man, an humble christian, and left a name of which his children and relatives may be justly proud. At the time of his death he was in his eightieth year."

His funeral was attended by a large body of Masons, he being a member of that Order.

The wife of Col. Ruttan was Mary Jones, an estimable lady who died February 21, 1873. She was the mother of nine children, four of whom preceded her to the spirit world, and one son, Henry Jones, has since followed her (February 4, 1879). He was editor and proprietor of the *Cobourg Star* from 1846 to 1855, and was interested for years with his father in what is now widely known as Ruttan's system of ventilation, which is largely in use and growing in popularity, as will be seen by Appleton's New Cyclopædia. Mary, the only daughter living, is the widow of Judge Robert M. Boucher, of Peterborough. Charles is rector of a church near Toronto; Richard is a barrister and attorney-at-law, residing in Cobourg, and William E. is a short-hand writer and reporter in New York city.

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TORONTO.

THE subject of this sketch was the second son of William Gooderham, senior, whose sketch appears on another page, and was born in Norfolk, England, December 29, 1825. At the age of seven years he accompanied the other members of the family to Canada, and was educated in Toronto. He was always an earnest, thoughtful, and conscientious youth, and his mind was early imbued with serious thoughts of religion. It was when he was about sixteen years old and during a short residence at the village of Thornhill, that he became converted, and the event left its impress upon his character through all the subsequent years of his life. In 1847 his impressions concerning the ministry induced him to enter Victoria College with a view to prepare himself for the sacred calling of a Methodist minister. In 1848 he was appointed