

THE LATE MR. BENJAMIN LYMAN.—It is our painful duty to announce the rather the sudden demise of an old, well-known and greatly respected citizen of Montreal. Mr. Benjamin Lyman, senior member of the widely-known firm of Lymans, Clare & Co., of this city, and of Lymans Brothers, of Toronto, wholesale chemists and druggists, was the lamented gentleman in question. He died in Toronto, at midnight, last Thursday (5th inst.) night, of inflammation of the lungs, with which he had been ill only about a week. He was in that city in connection with the business of the branch establishment, and intended to come home to be present at the viceregal reception, but, falling ill, was unable to do so. His decease is a great shock to his family and friends, whose loss is irreparable.

Mr. Lyman's history is in a very large degree that of the city of Montreal for the past half-century. Born in Derby, Vermont State, in 1810, when a young boy came with his parents to Montreal, where he had resided ever since. His business began and closed in connection with the house of which he was the able head at the time of his death, and which was established by his uncle, Dr. M. J. Lyman, in 1803; it was a very successful and honorable career. As senior partner of the firm he was the successor of his eldest brother, the late Mr. William Lyman, and his only remaining brother, Mr. Henry Lyman, will now, doubtless, succeed the deceased in that position. His two sons are also connected with the establishment, namely Charles, in this city, and Edwin, in Toronto. The deceased was a director of the Federal Bank of Canada. He was one of the founders of the Mount Royal Cemetery and President of the Company that owns it. His father, Mr. Elisha Lyman, was one of the founders of the American Presbyterian congregation in this city in 1822, and Mr. Benjamin Lyman was a member from the first, and for many years before he died an elder and a trustee. He was a leading promoter of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society and of the Montreal Temperance Society, and was also active in the promotion of nearly all benevolent enterprises in this city. He was a man of the kindest and most sympathetic nature, and exceedingly generous in response to every call for help to the needy. He organized, about 1840, and was Captain of the Union Fire Company, and was for twelve or fifteen years a member of the City Corporation. He commanded the efficient 5th company of Montreal Rifles—known as "The Cold Water Company"—which did service as volunteers in 1837-38. Mr. Lyman was one of a family of nine children, only two of whom survive him, namely, Mr. Henry Lyman and Mrs. Mills, of London, formerly of Montreal. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters, and a host

of intimate friends to mourn his loss.—*Montreal Daily Witness.*

FUNERAL OF MR. BENJAMIN LYMAN.—The funeral of Mr. Benjamin Lyman, of Lymans, Clare & Co., took place this afternoon from his residence, No. 714 LaGauchetière Street. The ceremony throughout was a most imposing one, and the procession of mourners on foot and in carriages, which consisted of the leading business and professional men of the city, reached at one time from the Windsor Hotel to Beaver Hall square. The top of the coffin was covered with white exotics tastefully arranged. The pallbearers were Hon. L. H. Holton, Messrs. E. F. Ames, S. H. May, Geo. W. Reid, H. A. Nelson, M.P.P., Thos. Workman and Henry Mulholland. The church was draped in black, and Rev. G. H. Wells read the service used in the American Presbyterian Church. At the conclusion of the service the cortège was reformed and proceeded to Mount Royal Cemetery, where the body was interred.—*Evening Star.*

RESEARCHES ON THE TREE WHICH PRODUCES "GOA" POWDER.—(Dr. Da Silva Lima.) The author has received the following information from Dr. Ramiro A. Monteiro:

"The tree which yields the Araroba or Goa powder is known in the districts where this industry flourishes, under the name *Angelim amargosa* ("bitter angelim"). The word *angelim* is not now understood. The tree belongs to the nat. ord. Leguminosæ; and the appellation "bitter" arises from the fact that the ligneous portion resembles good cinchona in flavor and bitterness. It is found in company with another tree belonging probably to the same genus, namely, *Andira anthelmintica* Benth., which has anthelmintic properties. There is also an *angelim doce* ("sweet angelim," *Andira vermifuga*) and an *Angelim pedra* (*Andira spectabilis*)."

The araroba tree occurs abundantly in the forests of Camamu, Igrapiuna, Santarem, Tape-roa, and Valença of the province of Bahia. It attains a very large size, one to two metres in diameter, and twenty to thirty metres in height.

The Goa powder is contained in more or less narrow fissures and chinks in the ligneous portion, running mostly through the whole length of the trunk, and becoming narrower above. It is customary to cut down the tree, to saw it into sections, and then to split the blocks open in the direction of the fissures, when the powder is readily obtained. There is scarcely any doubt that the original tree is either an *Andira* or a *Cæsalpinia*.—*L'Union Pharmaceutique.*

TOXIC EFFECTS OF THE BROMIDES.—Dr. E. T. Basley, of Little Rock, Ark., writes to the *Amer. Med. Weekly* an account of a case in which $\frac{5}{4}$ iij. instead of 3 iij. of bromide of potassium was order-