

G. A. DAUBRÉE—It is not long since geology had to mourn the loss of James D. Dana and now France has lost one of its most eminent scientists in the person of Gabriel Auguste Daubrée the great physicist and experimental geologist. He was born at Metz in June, 1834, educated in Paris and was successively Mining Engineer and professor of geology in Strasbourg. In 1861 he obtained the chair of geology at the Muséum d'histoire naturelle in Paris. Among his chiefest works we note, "Eaux Souterraines" and "Etudes Synthétiques de géologie expérimentale" which will more than keep his memory green in the minds of fellow-workers in the realm of Geological Science.

THE CHEMICAL LABORATORIES AT THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

On the 6th of July last fire made sad havoc with the comparatively new and finely equipped laboratories of the chemical branch at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Shortly after 6 p.m., when nearly all the staff were out, an explosion took place, due to the bursting of a flask containing boiling sulphuric acid and used in a method of nitrogen determination. The fire spread rapidly but with a great deal of labour and toil the flames were confined to the eastern end of the building, otherwise the museum and all the invaluable collections of the Botanist, of the Entomologist, the Horticulturist as well as of the Director would have been destroyed.

We have no doubt that the Government will restore the Chemical Laboratory at the Farm to the degree of usefulness