children none had ever been returned to the asylum insane." Such a sentence tempts criticism, but we pass on to remark that in 1879 Dr. Gray visited this country, Switzerland, and France, inspecting on his journey some of our principal lunatic asylums. After his return home he wrote an article on mechanical restraint, the use of which, under certain circumstances, he has always defended. At the Utica Asylum, however, the amount of restraint was of late much reduced. There can, we believe, be no doubt that Dr. Gray's life was shortened in consequence of the attack made upon him about four years ago. This occurred in March, 1882, soon after he returned from Washington, where he had given evidence in support of Guiteau's soundness of mind. He was shot in the face by one Henry Renshaw, a lunatic. The ball passed through the nasal passages, partly destroying them. He was unable to breathe through the nose until about two years ago, when an operation was performed, which greatly relieved him. He did not, however, fully recover from the shock and the consequent prostration, and in February last the state of his health induced the Board of Management to give him six months' leave of absence. He went to Georgia, and returned to the Asylum in April. He went abroad in July, and remained most of the time at Carlsbad, where the treatment was directed to reduce his corpulency. From thence he wrote to England in good spirits, and looked forward to visiting his friends in London and renewing their acquaintance. This, however, he failed to do, and returned to Utica in October last in apparently good health. A month before his death he caught a severe cold, and had bronchitis. He went, however, to Baltimore on business, and complained on his return of being much tired. About the middle of November his illness assumed a serious form, and it was found that he laboured under renal disease (Bright's). On Saturday, the 27th November, he seemed much better, and remained so on Sunday. About midnight he was worse, and became delirious; and at 3 a.m. on Monday morning, the 29th, he became unconscious, remaining so until 9 a.m., when he recognized one of his sons. Uræmic coma supervened at 10 a.m., and he died without pain at 2.48 p.m.

To the family who mourn his loss we tender our sincere sympathy, and we trust that the Institution over which he presided for nearly 33 years will prosper in the future, and be superintended by an able physician devoted to the insane, who will worthily fill the place rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Gray.

[Since the above was written we have received intelligence of the appointment of Dr. Blumer, the Senior Assistant Physician at the Utica Asylum, and one well qualified for the office of Superintendent.]

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