

*James L. Hughes* was a very young man in 1868 when he assisted in the organization of the Toronto Astronomical Club. Few men are better known to-day in this part of the Dominion. Dr. Hughes was, in the early days, a teacher in the Model Schools of Toronto, and it was through Mr. Clare, who was at the time teaching in the Normal and Model Schools, that Mr. Hughes was led to attend the first or organization meeting.

Honoured at an early age with the Chief Inspectorate of the City Schools, he became an authority in educational matters, and is an author and publicist of wide repute. He is a celebrated Dickens scholar. His optimism, his loyalty and his energy have made him, like his distinguished brother, a personality of great influence and charm. In the present world-struggle Dr. Hughes has been a keen sufferer and has the deepest sympathy of thousands of his fellow countrymen.\*

Dr. Hughes is a poet, wholesome and radiant. The following stanza closing his touching poem entitled "Chester" tells its own story :

"So through the years will the streamlet,  
River and wave-crested sea,  
Dawnlight and sunshine and eve-glow,  
Star-gleam and flower and tree,  
Bird-song and growth-time and wind-breath,  
Whisper his sweetness to me."

*Samuel Clare*, being, as we have already shown, an intimate friend of Mr. Elvins, both in Cobourg and in Toronto, was associated with the astronomical work from the beginning, and it appears to have been his influence that led both Mr. Ridgeway and Mr. Hughes into the Club. We have already shown that at that time they were all teachers. The first minute book of the Society has now reached almost its jubilee year, but it would be hard to find anywhere minutes couched in handwriting more beautiful than that in which Mr. Clare recorded the transactions of this pioneer club.

The present chief officer of The Royal Astronomical Society

\*Remains of Lieut. Chester Hughes, son of Dr. J. L. Hughes, interred in Locre, Belgium.