

and all she teaches in lake, in forest, in autumn, in winter, in sorrow, in comfort, led him into those numberless nooks and sequestered spots which enchant the eye, please the mind and entrance the soul.

In him the Club has lost one of its best friends and sympathizers. His was an observant as well as a contemplative soul. We have caught him many a time fairly revelling in the beauties of Nature-scenes surrounding our city, especially in those least frequented spots in the wilds of Nature where the ruthless hands of man hath not yet laid everything low. How he loved to pore over the harmonies of Nature as his pure true spirit saw them in their virgin beauty and grandeur with which his soul communed ! His poems ought to be in the hands of every field-naturalist. The seasons, the flowers, the birds, the forest, the storm, were so many voices to him which the tender and responsive chords of his delicate nature and temperament understood and with which he was intensely enamoured. In the volume edited by our fellow townsman, Mr. Duncan Campbell Scott, his descriptions reveal a heart that has tasted and seen the lovelinesses and beauties of the favourite haunts of our Club about Ottawa, where Lampman used to drink in those lovely sights that our eyes have witnessed and which his pen has so happily traced. We mourn his loss, but cherish and revere his memory.

BILLINGS MEMORIAL.

The late Elkanah Billings, who for twenty years was palæontologist to the Geological Survey of Canada and was the founder of the "Canadian Naturalist and Geologist," was born in the township of Gloucester, along the right bank of the Rideau River in the old, and now demolished Billings homestead situated a few yards below the present bridge which spans that river at the little village of Billings Bridge. He was the second son of Mr. Bradish Billings whose ancestors came from England while those on his mother's side came from Wales. His grandfather was a Brockville physician, Dr. Elkanah Billings, after whom the subject of this sketch was named. Both his parents, however, were born in the United States, his father in Massachusetts and his mother in New York State.