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SIR DAVID GILL, K.C.B.—THE GROWTH, THE WORK  
AND THE CHARM OF A REAL ASTRONOMER.

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CENTURIES ago a man rich in mind and power and wealth, holding sway over a great nation and favored of God, made this weighty statement, "Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean (that is common) men". Later on in the world's history a Scottish philosopher gave utterance to another weighty statement, "Produce, produce, produce something, even if it be but the pitifullest infinitesimal fraction of a product, produce it in God's name—the only monster in this world is the idle man. Blessed be the man who hath found his work, let him ask no other blessedness." Of the two, I frankly confess I prefer Carlyle to Solomon, for his proposition is more striking, it is more rugged, it is more democratic. The subject of our thought tonight illustrates each epigram. David Gill, the watch maker's apprentice, was truly diligent in his business and he did verily stand before the Queen of England, both good and great, and received at her hands a knighthood and thus "bore his blushing honours thick upon him." But in a yet nobler and higher