

easily acquired by him. While at College he learned the elements of Portuguese from a shoemaker in the village, and this acquisition no doubt proved useful to him when he afterwards visited Brazil. He attained such proficiency in Portuguese that he lectured with great success to cultivated audiences in Rio Janeiro. His skill as a draughtsman and his command of language always drew to his lectures interested hearers. During his college course he made extensive explorations in Nova Scotia, chiefly in the Annapolis Valley, in the Gaspereau Mountains, and at Blomidon. While at Wolfville he made meteorological observations for the Smithsonian Institute, the drawings which accompanied these observations receiving much commendation. In addition to the many geological discoveries which find mention in Dawson's *Acadian Geology*, he also made a large collection of insects while at college. Many of the specimens which he collected in those early years have been very widely distributed, the Museum at Cambridge, Mass., being especially rich in the minerals of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, collected largely by Prof. Hartt. The results of his keen observation and the original investigations which he carried on, even before he left college, brought him under the notice of Prof. J. W. Dawson, who greatly encouraged him in his early scientific researches. Prof. Hartt graduated from Acadia in June, 1860, with a class, many of whose members are now in the midst of a successful career, as Th. H. Rand, D. C. L., Judge Weatherbee, and Dr. Wickwire, of Halifax; Silas Alward and A. H. DeMill, Esqrs., St. John, and others.

In the same year, 1860, he came to St. John, where his father established a High School, in which he was assisted by his son. But the geology of this region proved of such absorbing interest to him that his mind became restive under the routine work of a school. But he afterwards made one of the best of teachers when he mastered his favorite study,—ever enthusiastic and thoroughly absorbed in science, his pupils everywhere, interested in the same pursuits, shared his deep and earnest enthusiasm. His passion for science never flagged from the moments when pausing by the roadside he broke open and gazed at the fragments of rock, until death laid its hand upon him in the midst