

sessed of a warm heart, it was his first desire to see others about him happy, and had this idea not been carried out rather too unselfishly, doubtless his home would have known the blessing of a partner in a useful work. Though not a man of large means, he conscientiously endeavored to make the best use of what he possessed, and while his modesty forbade any ostentatious display, he accomplished a large amount of good in many directions. He was an active supporter of the Art Association of Montreal, a contributor to most of our public charitable institutions, and a warm supporter of those societies whose work lay in the promotion of science and horticulture. He contributed in many ways to the work undertaken by McGill College in promoting the study of science, his various donations at different times being most judiciously applied. Among other gifts of a similar nature, he, on more than one occasion, made valuable donations of trees and shrubs, which are now growing in the College grounds, and constitute an important element in the foundation of the Botanic Garden now in process of development.

As a pomologist Mr. Gibb was justly accorded a high position, and his writings on this subject will have a lasting value. Whatever he undertook to do was executed with a degree of intelligent interest and thoroughness which left little to be desired, and it was his most conscientious scrutiny of facts which has given character to his various writings, as being thoroughly reliable statements. The same thoughtful care and attention to details was evident in the expressions contained in the last letter, indited only two days before his death, of the near approach of which he was conscious.

Mr. Gibb died of pneumonia at Cairo, Egypt, on the 8th March, 1890. To all who knew him his death is a personal loss; to his more intimate friends, it is the loss of a brother; to his country, for whose welfare he nobly and generously toiled, and in whose interest he was making a prolonged tour of foreign lands when death overtook him, it is the removal of one who filled an important place in our material progress, one who could not well be spared.

Although not a scientific man, he had given such close and accurate attention to fruit culture as to make him eminent among the pomologists of this continent, while his name was well and favorably known throughout Europe. It is therefore desirable that his work in the interests of improved horticulture should receive consideration.

Mr. Gibb was a life member, and in 1879-81, vice-president for Quebec of the American Pomological Society; corresponding member of the Mississippi Valley Horticultural Society; corresponding member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society; honorary member of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association; member of the Natural History Society of Montreal, and a member and, at the time of his death and for several years previous, vice-president of the Montreal