

CHAPTER XV

OBITUARY

It was on Sunday morning, November 19th, 1899, that Sir William Dawson completed his earthly career, passing away in the most peaceful manner, after several days of partial unconsciousness. On the day following, a special meeting was convened at the University, and attended by the Governors, the Principal, the Teaching Staff, and Students, when the following addresses were given.

Principal Peterson, after reading the Ninetieth Psalm, spoke as follows:—

“Since we met in our various class rooms last week, a great and good life has been brought to its appointed end. Sir William Dawson had considerably overpassed the span of life of which the Psalmist speaks: it was ‘by reason of strength’ that it was for him well-nigh fourscore years. Ever since he assumed the principalship in November 1855,—that is for a period of exactly forty-four years,—he has been the most prominent