

these respects an ideal palæontologist, and his contributions to the palæozoic faunas of America are of tremendous value. There was a large element in his results which his contemporaries in American palæontology did not infringe upon nor compete with, the faunas of the early Siluric; and had he not lived and laboured, or were our knowledge of these faunas *debillingsed*, the science would be thrown backward a generation. There is little danger of future palæontologists forgetting their obligations to Elkanah Billings, father of a thousand palæozoic children. His name will always remain familiar to, and honoured by the workers in the science to which he devoted his life."

Prof. R. P. Whitfield thus writes: "I never met Mr. E. Billings but twice, once at Albany, N.Y., and again at Montreal while looking through the Survey Museum with a class of students from the Troy Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Billings was sick at the time but came into the Collection and spent some time with us and interested us all much with the collections then under his charge. I have been familiar with his work in Palæontology and also with some of his more popular articles in the magazines and have admired his keen appreciation of the nature of the objects with which he was dealing. He must have been a close student of Nature and have fully appreciated and understood the bearings of the objects with which he was dealing.

"His Palæontological work is very well known and thoroughly appreciated among all workers in that line of investigation and will stand as a lasting Monument to his credit."

The Hon. C. D. Walcott, Director of the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C., has sent the following communication:—

"I am very much pleased to learn that it is intended to present a memorial portrait of the late Mr. E. Billings to the Geological Survey Museum. It will be a fitting tribute to the man who did so much to assist Sir William Logan in unravelling the stratigraphic geology of the Palæozoic rocks in Canada. I have always regretted that I was not personally acquainted with Mr. Billings, as I was impressed, when study-