

Born in 1830 and reaching his eighty-seventh year, it was given him to see, at its inception, every important forward movement in modern medicine. He was one of that great group of teachers who filled the era between the time when a medical education was picked up in the office of a preceptor and the present time—the era of fully equipped laboratories and highly specialized instruction.

Among his associates were such men as Rolph, Aikins and Richardson, of whom any country and any age might well be proud. They took raw country lads, communicated to them something of their own enthusiasm and made of them the practitioners who have served our country so well for the last half century.

Dr. Geikie in a rare degree won the confidence and retained the esteem of his students and of his co-workers. He was a man of strong convictions and great courage, overcoming by the force of his will every obstacle that lay in the way of achieving his aim. Those who were most closely associated with him were well content to remember him for his steadfast friendship.

Dr. Geikie's sympathies extended far beyond merely medical concerns, for he took a deep interest in everything that made for a notable type of citizenship, and the advancement of the moral and religious life of all, as was made abundantly manifest by his long connection with the Bible Society, and a number of benevolent and philanthropic associations.

The Academy of Medicine is deeply indebted to him for a valuable donation of many volumes, the collection of his long career as a medical practitioner. It was such acts that endeared him to a wide circle of friends.

Brave of heart as he was, when the last battle had to be fought, it was not on human courage alone that he had to depend. He knew in Whom he had believed and was sustained by an unshaken trust in that Saviour Whom so long and so faithfully he had endeavored to serve. He might well have said:

“I was ever a fighter—so one fight more,
The best and the last!
I would hate that death bandaged my eyes, and forbore,
And bade me creep past.”

MEMORIAL RE THE LATE DR. GORDON.

In the death of Dr. A. R. Gordon on December 17th, 1916, the Academy has lost one of its prominent Fellows whose ability and skill as a physician were highly appreciated and whose relationship to his colleagues in the Academy as a true friend was greatly valued.