

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on the 18th of May, 1878, and after the reading of the minutes, the President delivered the following address :

## ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL DAWSON, LL.D., F.R.S.

It becomes us in our present meeting to commemorate the names and services of eminent Naturalists associated with this Society who have passed away in the course of the year.

Dr. Philip Pearsall Carpenter was a son of the late Dr. Lant Carpenter of Bristol, and a member of a family distinguished for brilliant gifts and philanthropic enterprise. His brother, Dr. William B. Carpenter of London, and his sister lately deceased, the well known philanthropist, Mary Carpenter, need only to be mentioned in illustration of this. Dr. Carpenter was born in Bristol in 1819, and was thus fifty-six years of age at the time of his lamented decease. In 1865 he selected our city as his place of residence, and soon became one of our best known and most beloved citizens, distinguished more particularly for his fervent devotion to temperance and sanitary reform; and though much remains to be done in both of these benevolent efforts, he lived to see great good accomplished, largely by his own personal exertions.

But it was as a man of science that he was most widely known. He had devoted himself more especially to the study of the Mollusca. His collection of shells was one of the finest private collections extant, and his extensive knowledge and critical discrimination with reference to species and generic types, were unsurpassed anywhere. He was ready at all times to give aid and guidance with respect to any difficulty of determination either in recent or fossil forms; and his familiar expositions of the structures and habits of his favourites, and the way in which he made clear and intelligible their functions and modes of life, must be fresh in the memories of many of our members. We all esteemed him highly as a naturalist and loved him as a man, and we should thank him for the noble legacy he has left to our University in his magnificent collection of shells. While engaged in the work of classification and arrangement of this collection, Dr. Carpenter was occupied in preparing notes for publication on special points, and in determining and naming collections which had been placed in his hands by societies, institutions and indi-