

proposed that a sketch of his life and labors be prepared. In endeavoring to carry out the wishes of the Society in this respect, I have regretted many times that one of those members who worked with him had not undertaken the task. In the assistance which has been so kindly given me, I have endeavored to present as accurate a sketch as possible of his labors and geological researches, especially in this vicinity.

I first met Prof. Hartt about nine years ago on his return to Cornell University, after his fourth visit to Brazil, when his lectures in New York City, at Ithaca and other towns in New York State, drew upon him the attention of scientific scholars throughout the country. The demands upon his time were enormous. Besides attending to his University duties, he was engaged in arranging the large geological and archaeological collections which he had brought from Brazil, and in delivering courses of lectures outside the University, to assist in defraying, in part, the expenses of his expedition. Shortly after—in 1874—he commenced the unfinished work of his life—the geological survey of the empire of Brazil, a task which presented such difficulties that none but “lion-hearted scientists,” as Mrs. Agassiz in her book on Brazil has termed him and his fellow workers, could accomplish; a task that in the short space of a few years was brought to such fruition that men of science the world over have come to regard it as one of the most accurate and important geological surveys ever attempted.

Prof. Hartt was born at Fredericton in 1840. Shortly after, his family removed to Nova Scotia, and he was educated under the guidance of his father at Horton Academy and graduated from Acadia college at the age of twenty. He gave evidence in very early life of a fondness for natural history, even in childhood collecting and examining specimens of mineral and plant life, and showing an extraordinary aptitude for understanding books on natural history. Joined to a passionate love of nature, he possessed a careful and enquiring mind, and his persevering and accurate habits of study admirably fitted him for the minute and searching explorations which he afterwards undertook and so successfully accomplished. He possessed great versatility of talent. A language, music, drawing were

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