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## Snowflakes

OUT of the bosom of the air,  
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,  
Over the woodlands brown and bare,  
Over the harvest-fields forsaken,  
Silent and soft and slow  
Descends the snow.

Even as our cloudy fancies take  
Suddenly shape in some divine expression,  
Even as the troubled heart doth make  
In the white countenance confession,  
The troubled sky reveals  
The grief it feels.

This is the poem of the air,  
Slowly in silent syllables recorded:  
This is the secret of despair  
Long in its cloudy bosom hoarded,  
Now whispered and revealed  
To wood and field.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, M. A.

WE are privileged in this issue of the ATHENÆUM to furnish our readers with a brief mention of Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, M. A., the recently-appointed Chancellor of McMaster University, Toronto, whose portrait forms the frontispiece to our magazine.

Otis C.S. Wallace, on his father's side of Covenanter stock, was born at Canaan, near Kentville, N. S., in 1856. On his mothers side he is related to that William Witter, who figures so prominently in the history of the persecuted Baptists of the Massachusetts colony. As a boy he studied in the public schools of this province, where he secured a First-class Teachers license at the early age of fourteen. In the following year he began teaching in his native county, conducting school at Walbrook, and later at Greenwich and at Church St.