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PROFESSOR GEORGE LAWSON.

PROFESSOR GEORGE LAWSON, Ph. D., F.I.C., F. R. S. C., was born in 1827 in Fibeshire, Scotland. He is a graduate of Edinburgh University, and performed several important functions during the ten years of his connection with that great University. For instance, he prepared and completed the catalogue of the library of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and was afterwards, with Sir Wyville Thomson, Secretary of the Royal Physical Society. In 1858 Dr. Lawson accepted the Professorship of Chemistry and Natural History in Queen's University (Kingston, Ont.), which he relinquished in 1863 to take the Professorship of Chemistry and Mineralogy at Dalhousie College, which he still holds, together with the position of Secretary to the Provincial Board of Agriculture.

Dr. Lawson is a Fellow of several Scientific Soci-

ties in different countries, and has contributed a large number of important papers to their transactions. Canadians are deeply indebted to his efforts in the advancement of scientific, and especially botanical, knowledge and appliances, and have shown their recognition of his ability by electing him President of the Royal Society of Canada.

At a meeting held in Edinburgh 33 years ago, on the eve of Dr. Lawson's departure for this country, one of the speakers said, "We do not know what the Canadians may think of you, but we want them to know what we think of you here." And so they presented him with a handsome piece of plate with an inscription saying what they thought of him. And only this week some of his Canadian students at Dalhousie presented him with a spectroscope and a scroll that tells plainly enough what they think of him.

Canada seems to value Dr. Lawson as highly as Scotland did, and so, we are sure, would any other country on earth.

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