

dence between Mr. Elvins and several world-renowned astronomers such as George E. Hale of Chicago University, Edward S. Holden, LL.D., Director of the Lick Telescope at Mt. Hamilton, and Professor E. E. Barnard of the same Observatory. When Barnard discovered a fifth satellite to Jupiter, it was very well known by the members of the Society in Toronto that Mr. Elvins had persistently predicted the discovery of such a satellite and wrote to Professor Barnard, advising search for it. Professor Barnard's reply is in possession of the Society. He continued to predict further discovery of additional moons after that time. The several moons since discovered pertaining to Jupiter may or may not prove much as to the validity of the grounds upon which Mr. Elvins made his predictions, but as to the facts of the case as stated above, no scientific assertion could stand on more solid base. Those who know him best and who are qualified to speak on the subject are of the opinion that had Mr. Elvins had the early training of a professional astronomer, his wonderful aptitude in the scientific field, his originality and enthusiasm together with his logical mind and singularly acute powers of investigation and research, would have given him easily a prominent place among astronomers of world-eminence.

In the course of a paper read at the annual meeting in the year 1891, Mr. Elvins said among other things:—

"We hope to see the Professors in our Colleges, Principals in our High Schools, Teachers in our Common Schools, join our Society and lead it. Any feeling that would divide University men from others less fortunate, ought to be suppressed—destroyed is a better word. Professors who hold chairs in Universities, and Edison, who never passed through one, should be proud of each other . . . .

"We hope to see a popular Observatory in Toronto, one to which all citizens can go and see for themselves the interesting objects about which they read, and to which the student may have access when his own instruments are insufficient . . . .

"Fields of conquest for future students lie before us. Our Society aims at bringing these together and aiding them in their work. Lovers of the mighty and the beautiful will unite with us; when we lay down our instruments, they will follow with better ones, and aid in unfolding questions obscure to us when we like 'streaks of morning cloud, shall have blended into the distant azure of the past' . . . .

"We do not know each other's religious faith or political creed. Pro-