

uncomplaining, free from despondency or anxiety about himself and full of the happy optimism which had always been one of his charming characteristics.

Few men ever made so many loving friends in all walks of life ; every one who came to know him could not fail to become warmly attached to him. There are many sad hearts grieving at his loss all over the Dominion of Canada, and many, too, in widely-scattered places in the United States. Old and young, rich or poor, learned or ignorant, children and their elders, it made no difference—he had a kindly word for each one, and most can treasure in their memories a kindly deed as well. When he addressed a meeting he captivated his audience at once, and when he joined an excursion of nature students all were eager to be with him and learn from him some of the secrets of the woods and fields that he knew so well. We shall not see his like again, but we may all feel that it was good for us to have known him—his memory will long live in our hearts—his noble words and generous deeds will be happy recollections for many a year to come.

Dr. James Fletcher was born at Ashe, in the County of Kent, England, on March 28th, 1852. He was educated at King's School, Rochester, and came to Canada in 1874 to fill the position of a clerk in the Bank of British North America. Finding the work uncongenial, after two years he gave it up and became an assistant in the Library of Parliament at Ottawa. All his spare time he devoted to Botany and Entomology, and became, as years went on, a recognized authority in each of these branches of natural science. This led to his appointment as honorary Dominion Entomologist and Botanist, and a year or two later to his taking up the work of these departments at the newly-established Experimental Farm. This was in 1887, and for twenty-one years he has been a highly-valued assistant to Dr. Saunders, the Director, and long since became known throughout North America as one of the ablest scientific men of the day in his special departments.

In 1878 he became a member of the Council of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and every year since he has been elected to hold some office in it, being four times Vice-President, and President for three years, from 1886 to 1888, and again from 1906 to the time of his death, when he had just been re-elected for another year. His first contribution to the Society's publications was an article on Canadian Buprestidæ, which was published in the Annual Report for 1878, and his first paper in this