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A brief sketch of the career of Alexander Murray, and a succinct enumeration of his work which would help to preserve to him the credit of his labors ere it is too late, would, therefore, be not only a just tribute to his memory, but a useful record for reference hereafter in regard to the geography and geology of Canada and Newfoundland. For these reasons I have been induced to respond to the above mentioned request; and in undertaking this duty I propose in the personal part of the narrative to paint a true picture, giving the shadows as well as the lights, so that the reader may form a correct estimate of his character.

It was my good fortune to be tolerably well acquainted with Mr. Murray's history both in Canada and Newfoundland—otherwise I would not have attempted the present task. Not only was I associated with him for seven years at the headquarters of the Geological Survey in Montreal, but I accompanied him one year, as assistant, to his favorite haunts among the Huronian rocks of Lakes Superior and Huron, which, it is well known, he was the first to investigate; and, as regards Newfoundland, I have had opportunities of going over his work in different parts of the island and afterwards of discussing its geology with him during several weeks' residence at St. John's in the winter of 1868-69. Where my own knowledge was lacking at any point, I have obtained the requisite information through the kindness of friends of his in both countries. Among those in Canada I would mention Major Joseph Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. John Johnson and Mr. Scott Barlow of Ottawa, former assistants; and as to Newfoundland, his widow, now resident in Edinburgh, Mr. Thomas C. Weston of Ottawa, Rev. Moses Harvey of St. John's, and more particularly Mr. James P. Howley, his assistant on the Island, to whom further reference will be made.