

MEMORIAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND WORK
OF
PROF. CH. FRED. HARTT.

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NEARLY three years ago when the intelligence was flashed to St. John that Ch. Fred. Hartt had fallen, it was felt that science had lost one of its foremost men. Not yet arrived at middle age, with all the enthusiasm of youth still upon him, with his life work giving promise of a glorious fulfilment, it seems only human that a pang of regret should mingle with our thoughts of him and what he might yet have accomplished had his life been spared. In his short but brilliant scientific career none rejoiced more heartily in his hard earned successes than did his early co-laborers in this society; none mourned more sincerely his untimely end. His scientific achievements are the property of the world; and yet we cannot but feel that in our own rugged climate, amid the fostering influences of our own educational institutions, in a home where Christian principles were held as the most sacred trust, were nurtured those talents and capabilities which gained such signal triumphs. As one of the founders of this Society, it is fitting that we should record our testimony of his achievements in science and more especially of his early labors and researches in our midst. Circumstances, with which we are all familiar, have hindered the accomplishment of our wishes in this respect. At a meeting of the Council of this Society, on its re-organization this year, it was at once