

The James Fletcher Memorial Fountain.

*His heart was in his work and the heart
Giveth grace unto every Art.*

LONGFELLOW.

Some of the Tributes to the late Dr. Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, at the Unveiling of the Tait McKenzie Memorial to his Memory by the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club.

The Honourable Sydney A. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, who unveiled the Memorial Fountain.—Dr. Fletcher was the ideal type of a public servant. The work which he did throughout the whole of Canada was of the greatest benefit to the country at large. Entirely forgetting himself in every way he gave up his whole time to the work of which he was placed in charge. He was a very hard worker and one who never spared himself. There was no doubt that if Fletcher had taken a much needed rest, some few years ago, he might have been with us and doing his work to-day. His investigations and lecture courses took him to every part of the Dominion and the experience he thus gained respecting agricultural conditions, was of extreme value. His whole thought was to benefit Canadian agriculture, and the wide reputation he made, not only in his own country, but throughout practically the whole world where economic problems in agriculture are studied, will last as long as time itself. Of a genial and enthusiastic temperament he made friends wherever he went and his name to-day is known in every part of Canada.

Dr. L. O. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Entomology, Washington, and considered to be at head of the entomologists of North America.—Dr. Fletcher was one of my dearest friends, and I had the greatest admiration for him. His services to Canada were very great. He had a wonderful capacity in a very broad field in entomology and was one of the best informed men of his time on the intricate and manifold aspects of economic entomology. His reports were sound and practical, and as a public speaker before assemblages of farmers and gardeners he was unexcelled. He was known and admired and loved also, throughout the United States. In fact I have never known a man who had so many absolutely devoted friends as Dr. Fletcher. His energy, his enthusiasm, his absorbing interest in everything that lives and grows, his warm heart, his perfect lack of even a suspicion of egotism attracted everyone who knew him and bound them to him in friendship, and even love, forever.

Dr. Wm. Saunders, C.M.G., Director of the Dominion Experimental Farms. — The value of his work as Entomologist and Botanist to the farmers of the Dominion was very great and he has been much missed. At meetings of farmers and fruitgrowers his clear statements regarding subjects under discussion made his presence a great benefit. He was blessed with a child-like optimism and cheerfulness of spirit which made his society always welcome, and instances of his wide and kind sympathy can be recalled by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. Such a life as his was will be a lasting influence for good. Having by this memorial striven to show our appreciation of our late friend's character and work, we may honour him still further by endeavouring to maintain and advance those sciences to the promotion of which so much of his life was so enthusiastically devoted.